

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

What is the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)?

The Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) is a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) program that offers **rebates** for installing energy storage batteries. These batteries can provide back-up power in the event of a power outage.

What are the benefits of energy storage for your home?

- For homes with solar, excess power can be stored and used when the sun is not out OR during a power outage.
- For homes without solar, the batteries can charge during lower-cost times and provide on-site power when grid prices are higher, thus reducing monthly bills; OR they could be used during a power outage if properly managed.
- Battery storage can be important for emergency preparedness in the event of a power outage but cannot be installed purely for “emergency back-up power.”
- Storage can provide backup power for some home uses for about 12-48 hours during a power shutoff or power outage event, depending greatly on the size of the battery and how it is connected to the house.

How does it work?

- Qualifying customers must apply for funds through their utility company.
- Customers must be approved for the rebate **before** to the installation of the system.
- The rebate is available **after** the battery is installed. It functions like a reimbursement.
- Funding is limited. Applications are processed on first come, first serve basis. *Be aware, that some utilities are already oversubscribed for their SGIP budgets*

There are three types of rebates:

- **General Market** SGIP Rebate provides approximately **25%** of cost of an average storage system
- **Equity** provides approximately **85%** of the cost of an average storage system
- **Equity Resilience** provides nearly **100%** of the cost of an average system

Am I eligible?

General Market SGIP Rebate

- Must be a customer of PG&E, SCE, SoCalGas, or SDG&E

Equity Resiliency SGIP Rebate (must meet the following criteria):

- You have experienced two or more Public Safety Power Shut offs (PSPSs) OR live in a Tier 2 or 3 High Fire Threat District (HFTD)
- **AND**
- You are currently enrolled in Medical Baseline Program
- You have notified your utility of serious illness and/or life-threatening condition
- You have received or reserved other solar-related incentives (including SASH, DAC-SASH, MASH, or SOMAH programs)
- Your home relies on electric pump wells for water

Am I eligible? (Continued)

Equity SGIP Rebate *(must meet one of the following criteria):*

- Live in a low-income Single-Family Home & home is subject to resale restrictions
- Live in a low-income Single-Family Home & have already participated or have reserved incentives in the Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH) or Disadvantaged Communities-Single Family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) programs
- Live in apartment considered low-income, has at least five (5) rental units, AND you must either be in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC) or at least 80% of the apartment building residents have incomes below 60% Area Median Income (AMI)
- Live in an apartment and your property has already participated in the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program or the Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing (MASH) program.
- Live anywhere in California Indian Country

How do I apply?

- Reach out to a battery installer in your area. You can find one using this [tool](#)
- With the installer, confirm which SGIP category you qualify for and what battery may be best for your home
- Work with the installer to complete the application process
- Once approved, schedule installation of the battery
- With support from your installer, apply for reimbursement from your utility company

TIPS

- Installers may be able to direct customers to short term low or no interest loans to cover upfront cost
- Ensure the installer is familiar with SGIP and the process to access funds

Where can I go for more information?

If you have additional questions, contact the local Program Administrator of your utility company

PG&E

Website: <http://www.pge.com/sgip>:

Email: selfgen@pge.com

SCE

Website: <http://www.sce.com/SGIP>:

Email: SGIPGroup@sce.com

SoCalGas

Website: www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/power-generation/self-generation-incentive

Email: selfgeneration@socalgas.com

SDG&E (via Center for Sustainable Energy)

Website: www.energycenter.org/self-generation-incentive-program

Email: sgip@energycenter.org

For more information about the CPUC and SGIP, please visit:

CPUC Decision authorizing new SGIP Incentives (D.20-01-021: <https://bit.ly/32KeAli>)

CPUC SGIP website with more details about the program: www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgip

Statewide SGIP website: www.selfgenca.com

