



Southeast Rural Power - Solar for All

Partner Municipal Utilities and Rural Cooperatives

What is Southeast Rural Power?

Groundswell and our SE Rural Power Coalition Partners are implementing a 5-year, \$156 million regional Solar for All contract from the Environmental Protection Agency to build community solar and associated energy storage projects that cut electricity bills in half and improve resilience for more than 17,000 families across eight states. The Coalition includes a growing number of municipal utilities and rural cooperatives across Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

What does it mean to be a Coalition Partner?

SE Rural Power's partner municipal utilities and rural cooperatives are central to program implementation. The community solar installations developed within the program are connected directly to partner local distribution grids, in alignment with the market and regulatory structures of each of the states we serve. Groundswell supports partners in developing the best solutions for their communities, assisting with site location identification, the selection of project developers, managing subscribers, and more.

What are the benefits for Coalition Partners?

Partners receive an in-kind grant of solar energy that is provided to their low-income customers at zero cost. Partners also receive various collateral benefits, such as the ability to more strategically manage their energy purchases, reduce certain capacity charges, provide workforce development opportunities to their employees, and more.

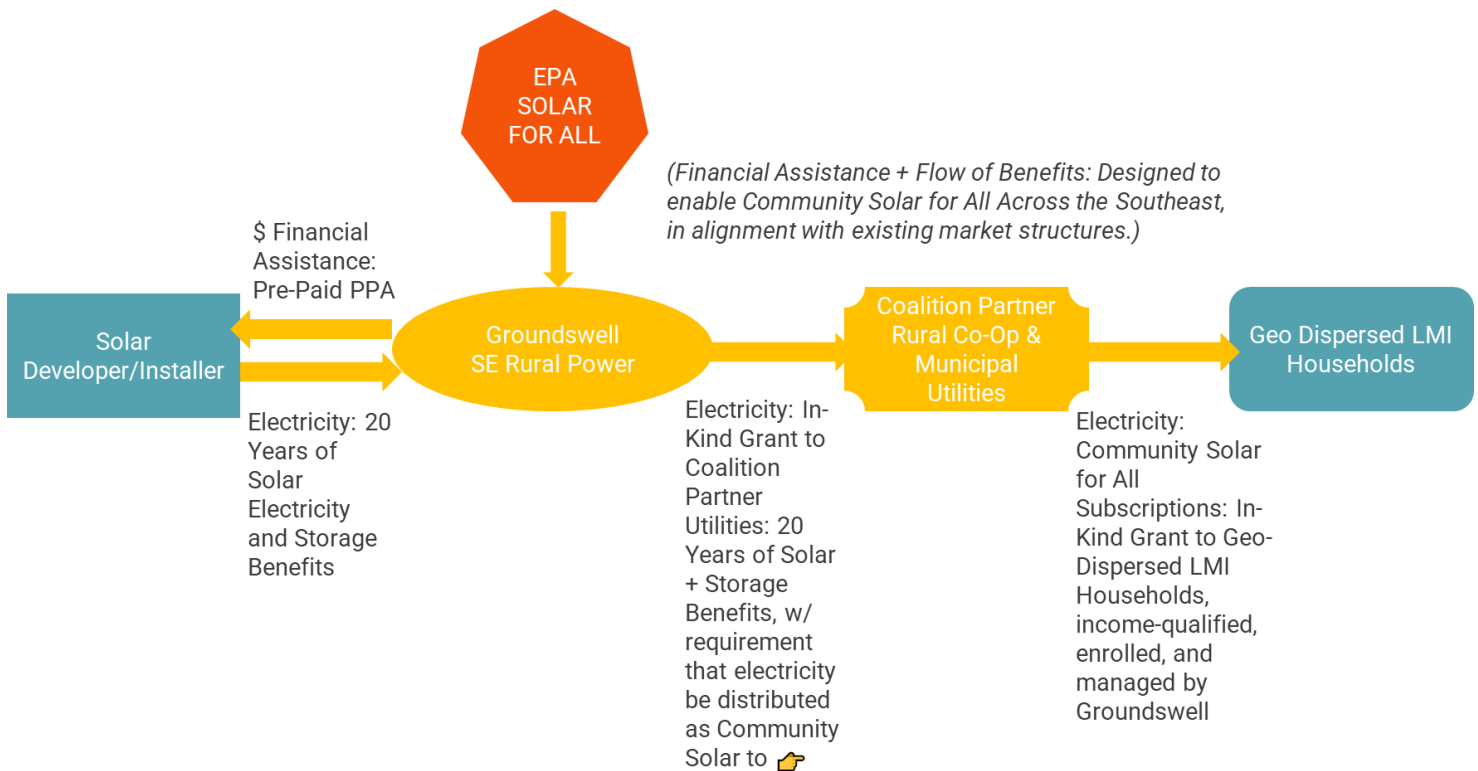
Current partners include Huntsville Utilities, Lanett Utilities, Energy Southeast (members), SECO Energy, Green Power EMC (members), Electric Cities of Georgia (members), City of Itta Bena, Public Service Commission of Yazoo City, Roanoke Cooperative, and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative.

“Through SE Rural Power, Roanoke Cooperative is able to deliver meaningful energy savings to our members while strengthening the resilience of our community. It is a true partnership that aligns affordable energy, local development, and service to our rural mission.”

Marshall Cherry, President & CEO at Roanoke Cooperative



How does the SE Rural Power Program work?



We are now welcoming additional partner municipal utilities and rural cooperatives to work with us to share bill savings and build resilience with local community solar, energy storage and residential energy efficiency.

How can new Municipal Utilities and Rural Cooperatives get involved?

If you are interested in joining the SE Rural Power Coalition and believe a collaborative project might be advanced within your service territory, please contact Carrie Vance, at caroline.vance@groundswell.org. Further information on the program can also be found at www.seruralpower.org.