

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

Energy Storage Rebates for Facilities **Available NOW!**



California Public Utilities Commission



What is SGIP?

The **Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)** is a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) program that **offers rebates for installing energy storage technology at your facility.** These storage technologies include battery storage systems that can function in the event of a power outage.

What are the benefits of energy storage for your facility?

- If you already have solar panels on your roof, you can store excess solar energy and use it when the sun is not out.
- The technology allows a facility to store power from solar panels or the grid and utilize that power in the event of a power outage. Depending on the battery, this could last several hours, or longer.
- Battery storage can be an important component of a more robust emergency preparedness plan in the event of a power outage.

Am I eligible for SGIP rebates?

Any non-residential customer of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), or San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) **is eligible for a General Market SGIP rebate of approximately \$350/kilowatt-hour**, which means

the rebate covers approximately 35 percent of the cost of an average energy storage system.

There are two additional categories of higher SGIP rebates for non-residential customers: **Equity** and **Equity Resiliency**.

EQUITY

Rebate Rate: \$850/kilowatt-hour

Rebate covers **approximately 85 percent of the cost** of an average energy storage system.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

1. Be a government agency, educational institution, non-profit organization, or small business.

AND

2. Be located in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC).*

OR

Be located in a census tract with Median Household Income below 80 percent of Statewide Median Income.†

OR

Be located anywhere in California Indian Country.

*To learn if you are in a DAC, please visit <https://bit.ly/2VCyKMw>

† To learn if you are in an 80 percent MHI census tract, please visit <https://bit.ly/3lnudaW>

‡ To learn if you are in a HFTD, please visit <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/firemap/>

EQUITY RESILIENCY

Rebate Rate: \$1,000/kilowatt-hour

Rebate covers **close to 100 percent of the cost** of an average energy storage system.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

1. You have experienced two or more utility Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPS) OR be located in a Tier 2 or 3 High Fire Threat District (HFTD)‡ AND serve customers that are in DACs* or Low Income Communities.

AND

2. You must also meet one of the following additional criteria:
 - Be a police station; fire station; emergency response provider; emergency operations center; 911 call center; medical facility; private and public natural gas, electric, water, wastewater, or flood facility; jail or prison; utility designated PSPS assistance center; cooling center; homeless shelter.
 - Be a grocery store, supermarket, or corner store with less than \$15 million in annual gross receipts.
 - Be an Independent Living Center or a Food Bank.



How does the rebate for SGIP work? How much is it worth?

Depending on which category you are eligible for, you can receive **\$850 per kilowatt-hour under the Equity Category** or **\$1,000 per kilowatt-hour under the Equity Resilience Category**. Both of these amounts would mean an energy storage system for your facility could be nearly free. This includes both the cost of the technology and the installation.

It is important to note that the rebate comes **after the application process is complete and the technology is installed**. However, some installers may be able to front the cost for you. Please be sure to mention this to the installer during initial discussions.

Do I have to have solar to be eligible for SGIP?

No, you do not have to have a solar system in order to get energy storage technology installed at your facility. It is important to note that having solar will enable your battery to last longer during an outage because it can recharge during the day, even if the grid is down.

How do I get started?

For the most part, a professional installer will work with you to apply for the SGIP rebate and install the technology in your facility. Additionally, your local Program Administrator can help walk you through the process.

1

Do a little local research. What battery storage installers operate in your area? Which have the best reviews and reputation?

2

Reach out to installers to confirm which SGIP category you qualify for and what technology may be best for your facility.

3

Work with the installer to complete the application process and install the technology.

4

If you have additional questions, contact your local Program Administrator.

Who do I call if I want to learn more?

Contact your local Program Administrator if you still have questions and want more information about SGIP. Your Program Administrator depends on who your utility is:

PG&E

Website: www.pge.com/sgip

Email: selfgen@pge.com

SCE

Website: 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.



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