Michigan Elective Pay Accelerator:

Frequently Asked Questions

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

What is the Michigan Elective Pay Accelerator?

The Michigan Elective Pay Accelerator is a state-level program designed to help Michigan nonprofits—such as churches, food banks, and community centers—go solar and maximize energy savings. We offer $0-down, low monthly financing, while helping organizations navigate their solar projects from start to finish, including accessing federal solar tax credits via Elective Pay.

Who is eligible to participate?

The program is tailored for nonprofits that:

- Hold 501(c)(3) status, including churches and community-serving organizations.
- Own their building or have a long-term lease.
- Have a roof with at least 10 years of lifespan left or be interested in learning more about pairing solar with roof replacement.

Why should our nonprofit join the program?

- **$0-Down & Low Cost Financing:** Install solar with no money down and special financing through the Accelerator program.
- **Technical Assistance:** Receive guidance throughout the entire process of going solar.
- **Last Chance for Federal Solar Tax Credits** Claim 30% or more in direct cash refunds through Elective Pay, which are expiring soon.
- **Budget Stability:** Protect your organization against rising energy prices and reinvest savings into your mission.

How do we get started?

You can begin the process by visiting **MichiganAccelerator.org** to schedule your solar consultation call. We recommend doing so before August 31, so we can best help your organization receive Elective Pay. For any questions, you can contact the team directly at **GoSolar@re-volv.org**.

What is the deadline to apply?

To secure your spot, please schedule a free solar consultation by **August 31, 2026**.

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ABOUT ELECTIVE PAY

What is Elective Pay?

Normally, nonprofits can't take advantage of tax credits because they don't pay federal income taxes. Elective Pay allows tax-exempt organizations to access the federal solar tax credit as a direct cash refund. This can save your organization 30% or more on the cost of your solar system.

Why do we need to apply so early if the federal solar tax credit doesn't expire until December 31, 2027?

Solar projects must be online and producing power by the end of 2027 to qualify. Given policy shifts in the industry and an influx of demand for solar projects, we're allotting ample time to help your project receive the 30% cash back through Elective Pay.

Who actually files for Elective Pay with the IRS?

Our team will guide you through the process step-by-step, but who applies depends on the solar financing option you choose. If your organization goes with a RE-volv solar loan or power purchase agreement (PPA), then RE-volv will file on your behalf. Organizations that choose the loan product will need to file directly, but RE-volv will help guide you throughout the process and connect before every deadline to provide necessary project details.

How long does it take to receive the Elective Pay savings?

Elective Pay is claimed on your organization's annual tax filing for the tax year the solar system goes into service. Once the IRS processes your filing, your refund should be returned within 45-60 days of the filing deadline. If a payment is delayed, federal law requires the IRS to pay your organization extra interest on top of your refund.

ABOUT THE SOLAR FINANCING

How much will our monthly payments be after paying $0 down?

Our goal is to set your monthly RE-volv payment to deliver potential savings of 15% or more on your power bill over the lifetime of the system.

Who is responsible for solar system maintenance and repairs over the system's lifespan?

Under our Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) or Solar Lease financing, RE-volv is responsible for ongoing system maintenance, operations, and warranty management throughout the contract term. Under direct ownership loan options, RE-volv can help you find local support in the form of an Operations & Maintenance (O&M) package for your system.

What if our organization rents our building instead of owning it?

To participate, your organization must either own the building or hold a long-term lease with written approval from your landlord to install solar panels. If you lease your facility, reach out and during your solar consultation call, our team can evaluate your lease agreement.

What happens if our roof needs to be replaced?

We require rooftops to have at least 10 years of remaining lifespan before installing solar. If your roof is older, we recommend repairing or replacing it prior to the solar installation. Roof work ahead of installation can be bundled into project financing. Roof work needed after the installation process isn't covered in the project financing.