
RENEW Wisconsin 2025 Programs Review



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RENEW Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization dedicated to building a stronger, healthier, more vibrant Wisconsin through the advancement of renewable energy. We work on policies and programs that support **solar power**, wind power, biogas, local hydropower, geothermal energy, and electric vehicles.



MADISUN GROUP BUY 2025

How the program works

- Brings households together to increase buying power
- Volunteer committee selects a trusted installer
- Reduces cost and simplifies the solar process

2025 Highlights

- Over 30 households enrolled
- Group Buy filled by early August
- High demand gave us time to evaluate improvements for 2026 program delivery



2025 BACKYARD SOLAR GRANTS

Purpose

- Expand access to solar for Madison nonprofits, affordable housing groups, and local businesses
- Support organizations serving diverse communities and low-income neighborhoods

Program impact

- Reduces long-term operating costs
- Strengthens community-serving institutions
- Builds visibility for solar in underserved neighborhoods



2025 BACKYARD SOLAR AWARDEES

	Social Justice Center	Sunny Side Development / Red Pine Co-op	Prairie Unitarian Universalist Society
Focus	Community	Housing	Faith
Installer	Full Spectrum Solar	Arch Solar	Full Spectrum Solar
System Size (kW)	9.66 kW	6.24 kW	9.28 kW
Percent Offset	91 percent	78 percent	91 percent
Annual Savings	\$2,428	\$1,400	\$2,428

LOOKING AHEAD: MadiSUN 2026

Program Priorities

- New opportunities for multifamily solar
- Continue Farmers Market Outreach
- Continue support and market research

Neighborhood Solar Tours

- Guided, neighborhood-based tours modeled after the Third Act East Side tour with Michael Vickerman (Schenk-Atwood Neighborhood)
- Peer-to-peer learning from local solar owners
- Grows trust and visibility for MadiSUN across Madison neighborhoods



CLEAN SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

Wisconsin's Electric School Bus Impact

- 141 electric school buses awarded or committed across 41 districts
- Many serving rural and priority communities

Emissions Reductions

- ~1,100 tons of greenhouse gases avoided every year
- ~13,200 tons avoided over the buses' 12-year lifetime

Health & Education Benefits

- Zero tailpipe emissions at pickup zones
- Reduced exposure to diesel exhaust for students and staff
- Fewer asthma-related absences, better student focus
- Quieter rides and improved driver satisfaction

Cost Savings for Schools

- \$5,000–\$7,000 in annual fuel savings per bus
- \$1,700–\$2,000 annual maintenance savings
- \$70,000–\$85,000 lifetime savings per bus
- Over \$11 million in combined statewide savings



MULTIFAMILY METERING RULE CHANGE

Effective December 1, 2025

- PSC updates allow master metering in qualifying multifamily housing
- Modernizes outdated 1980–2002 rule structure
- Removes barriers to solar, geothermal, and high-efficiency heat pumps

Eligibility pathways

- High-efficiency equipment
- High-efficiency building design
- Affordable housing participation



2026 RENEW Wisconsin Energy Summit

Thursday, February 5, 2026 — Monona Terrace, Madison

About the Summit

- Wisconsin's premier clean energy event
- Brings together industry leaders, policymakers, advocates, and students
- Focused on advancing Wisconsin's clean energy transition
- Theme: **Resilience by Design: Building Strength and Stability**

What We Will Explore

- How renewable energy increases reliability
- Policy tools that build long-term stability
- Collaboration models that move communities forward
- Strategies to expand clean energy access statewide



Why Attend

- Essential for organizations shaping Wisconsin's energy future
- Offers learning, networking, and partnership opportunities
- Great opportunity for the City of Madison to be well represented

Keynote Speakers

- **Raghu Belur** — Co-Founder, Enphase Energy
- **Dr. David Loomis** — Energy economist and co-founder, Center for Renewable Energy





QUESTIONS?



THANK YOU!

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