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Conventional forms of energy emit carbon dioxide and other pollutants into the environment, while solar energy is emissions free. Rooftop solar generation is the leading strategy for generating local, clean energy in the densely developed District.

Solar for All aims to bring the benefits of solar energy to 100,000 low to moderate income families in the District. DOEE is partnering with organizations across the District to install solar on single family homes and develop community solar projects to benefit renters and residents in multi-family buildings.

Solar for All, a program of the District of Columbia''s Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), seeks to provide the benefits of solar electricity to 100,000 low-income households and reduce their energy bills by 50% by 2032.

Fast Facts. Program scope: Rooftop and community solar energy projects to reduce both energy costs and carbon emissions. Communities served: Low- and moderate-income renters and homeowners. Funding: District of Columbia Renewable Energy Development Fund (REDF).

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This innovative pilot project is part of DOEE's ongoing efforts to provide the benefits of solar energy to 100,000 low-to-moderate income households under the Solar for All program. It allows the electric bill savings from Solar for All to be shared with District households historically unable to participate in Solar for All because they do not pay an electric bill themselves.

"This project with House of Ruth and New Partners is an important step in helping the District meet its DC Solar for All goals and increase access to valuable District services, while empowering women, protecting



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children, and supporting families," said DOEE Director Richard Jackson. "We look forward to embracing this structure with future projects as we expand our prize-winning Solar for All program, while maintaining its commitment to environmentally responsible and resilient communities."

This project will make way for future partnerships with other community organizations in the District. Partnering with local community organizations will allow the benefits of community solar to reach households in multi-family dwellings or residents experiencing housing insecurity, who currently lack access to the Solar for All program.

For more information on Solar for All, visit doee.dc.gov/solarforall.

House of Ruth and New Partners Community Solar are partners in this effort.

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