



Clean Energy Fund OF THE CAROLINAS

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Has your congregation been working towards installing solar energy and battery storage? Worried about how recent federal changes will impact those plans? The [Clean Energy Fund of the Carolinas \(CEFC\)](#) is offering to help with one important piece of the puzzle: financing. They offer loans to cover the purchase and installation of solar arrays and storage, including loans to bridge the period between construction and when the congregation secures payment of the federal investment tax credit through the 'elective pay' process.

You probably know that the solar tax credits were pared back by Congress in 2025, but a pathway still remains for projects that can hit two deadlines.

- July 4th is the first deadline for a building owner to start construction. After that, they have four years to complete the project and claim the tax credit.
- An alternative deadline is December 31, 2027 for completion, interconnection and claim the tax credit if they start after July 4, 2026.

If an organization is installing batteries alone, without solar, the deadline is even longer.

A plain English description of elective pay and timing milestones is available from Lawyers for Good Government [here](#).

Congregations who are already underway with their plans for solar may be able to clear these hurdles and the Clean Energy Fund of the Carolinas has teamed up with the nonprofit [Re-VOLV Solar](#) to help facilitate as many of these projects as possible in North and South Carolina.

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