



# NCEL Fact Sheet SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES



## Energy

- Set aside funding to **implement solar roofs** on qualified multifamily buildings, and credit low-income tenants for the energy offsets on their electric bills, such as California [AB 693](#) (2016).
- Require utilities to provide **on-bill financing programs** to residential customers and allow third party lenders to provide loans, such as Illinois [SB 1918](#) (2009) and [SB 2530](#) (2013).
- Authorize on-bill financing programs and provide **access to energy assessments, installation services, low interest financing,** and pathways to training for green-collar careers, such as New York [A08901](#) (2009) and [A08510](#) (2011).
- Expanding reach and scale of **Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)** by amending state structures to allow for commercial and/or residential programs, such as Florida [H.B. 7179](#) (2010) and California [S.B. 242](#) (2017).
- Increase access to solar energy by creating a **community solar garden program** operated by an in-state utility, allowing renters property owners to subscribe to off-site solar generation, such as Minnesota Statute [216B.1641](#) (2013).
- Require electric companies to **procure or provide energy efficiency and conservation programs** and services to customers, such as Maryland [SB0184](#) (2017).



## Water

- Utilize an **infrastructure bank model** to administer programs relating to municipal/community wastewater and drinking water financial assistance, such as Rhode Island [H5900](#) (2015) Article 14.
- Mandate that schools across the state **test drinking water for lead** contamination, such as New York [S8158](#) (2016).
- Achieve **phosphorous and other nutrient reductions** for point-source water discharge permits through investment in upstream green infrastructure projects, such as Wisconsin [SB557](#) (2011).



## Transportation

- Institute a **state fund to create and maintain transit facilities**, and allow funding to be used for public transit, bicycle, and pedestrian investments, such as Colorado [SB13-048](#) (2013).
- Direct revenue from your state highway or transit fund towards the provision of **footpaths and bicycle trails** whenever a highway, road or street is constructed, such as Oregon [Statute 366.514](#) (2015).
- Enable communities to **build-out EV charging infrastructure**, establish “EV-only” parking spaces, and update state building codes for charging stations, such as Massachusetts [S.B.2505](#) (2016).



## Community Wide

- Assist cities and municipalities by providing resources for **locally-driven solutions** to build climate resilience, water and energy efficiency, and liveability for all their citizens, such as Minnesota’s [GreenStep Cities Program](#).
- Create **clean energy hubs** providing predevelopment funding for technical assistance, energy audits and solar assessments, and standardized procurement processes, state resources can help local governments accelerate the pace of energy efficiency and renewable energy.