



Low- and Moderate-Income Accessible Community Solar Garden Program Report

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Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 216B.1641, subd. 13, the Minnesota Department of Commerce presents this 2026 Annual Report regarding the Low- and Moderate Accessible Community Solar Garden Program (LMI-Accessible CSG Program), as established by Minnesota Statutes § 216B.1641.

The LMI-Accessible CSG Program launched on January 2, 2024. 100 MW total capacity was available for both 2024 and 2025 program years. Table 1 shows the total capacity and number of projects approved to date.

Table 1: Total available and approved capacity of Community Solar Garden projects in 2024 and 2025, as of 12/16/2025.

Year	Available Capacity	Approved Capacity	Approved Projects
2024	100 MW	81.346 MW	82
2025	100 MW	97.717 MW	51
Total	200 MW	179.063 MW	133

Aggregate Community Solar Garden Reports

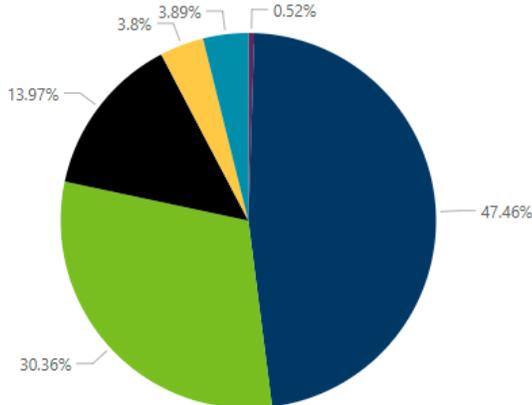
The purpose of the LMI-Accessible CSG Program’s annual report is to aggregate the annual reports that Subscriber Organizations must submit for each of their operational community solar gardens, in accordance with Section 216B.1641, subds. 9 and 10. Per statute, subscriber organizations must submit annual reports beginning one year after they become operational. While 28 gardens are now operational in the Commerce’s LMI-Accessible CSG Program, only four gardens approved in 2024 became operational in 2024. As such, the data below only reflects the aggregated annual reports, submitted to Commerce by June 1, 2025, from those four gardens that had become operational by the end of 2024. As the gardens were not operational for the full year, they were only able to submit partial-year production data. Additionally, Community Solar Garden owner financial data such as financial statements, balance sheets, and list of owners were not collected, as no garden was operational for 12 months by the end of 2024. Further data will be collected in 2026 and aggregated to be included in next year’s annual report.

Figures 1-5 below show the required aggregate data from the annual reports submitted by four gardens in 2025.

Figures 1-2 show the total garden capacity allocated to the five subscriber types, along with unsubscribed energy. Minn. Stat. 216B.1641, subd. 7 requires that at least 30 percent of the community solar garden’s capacity be subscribed to by low- and moderate-income (LMI) households. Per reports submitted, all gardens have met this requirement, and in aggregate, just over 47% of the capacity is subscribed to by low- and median-income households. Section 216B.1641, subd. 7 also requires that at least 55 percent of the community solar garden capacity be subscribed to by low- and median-income subscribers, public interest subscribers or an affordable housing subscriber. Per reports submitted, all gardens have met this requirement, and in aggregate, 62% of the capacity is subscribed to by a combination of these subscriber types, though there are no master-metered affordable housing subscribers to these gardens.

Figure 1: Total Capacity Allotted by Subscriber Type (percentage)

Percent of Total Capacity Allotted to Each Subscriber Type



- Subscriber Type**
- PUBLIC INTEREST SMALL GENERAL SERVICE
 - LMI RESIDENTIAL
 - RESIDENTIAL NON-LMI
 - PUBLIC INTEREST GENERAL SERVICE-DEMAND
 - BACK-UP GENERAL SERVICE-DEMAND
 - UNSUBSCRIBED ENERGY

Figure 2: Total kW of Capacity by Subscriber Type

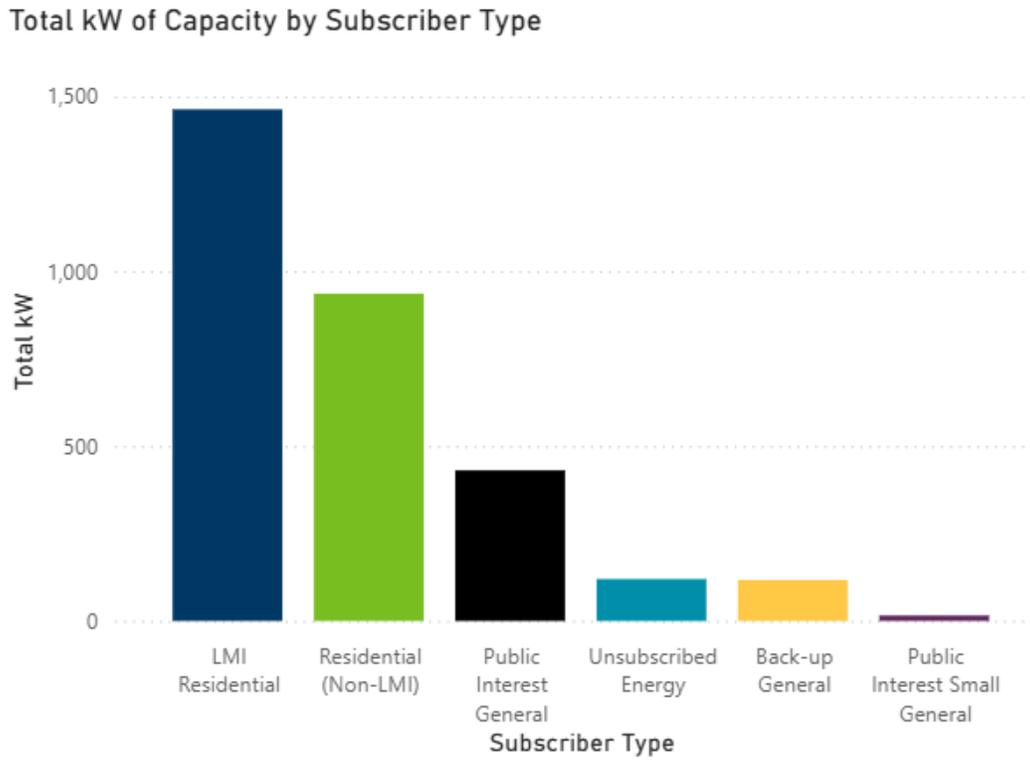
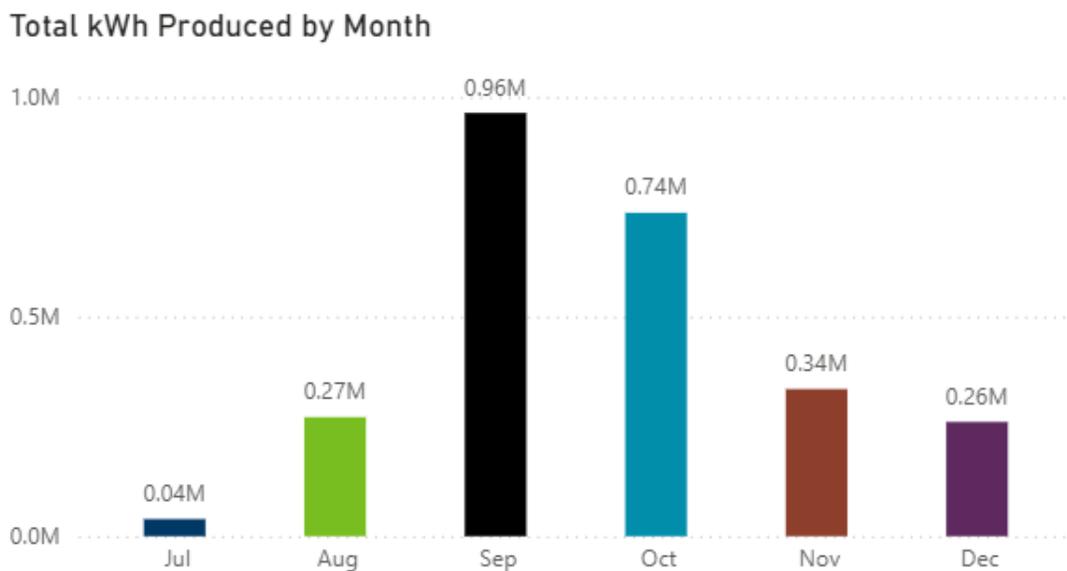


Figure 3, below, tracks overall production across the four gardens reporting for 2024. As shown, none of the gardens began production before July of 2024.

Figure 3: Total kWh produced by Month in 2024



Figures 4 and 5 provide further detail on subscription sizes. Figure 4 shows the share of capacity (%) of subscriptions up to and greater than 25 kW, while Figure 5 shows the total capacity (kW) of subscriptions up to and greater than 25 kW.

Figure 4: Share of capacity of Subscriptions up to 25 kilowatts and Subscriptions greater than 25 kilowatts (percentage)

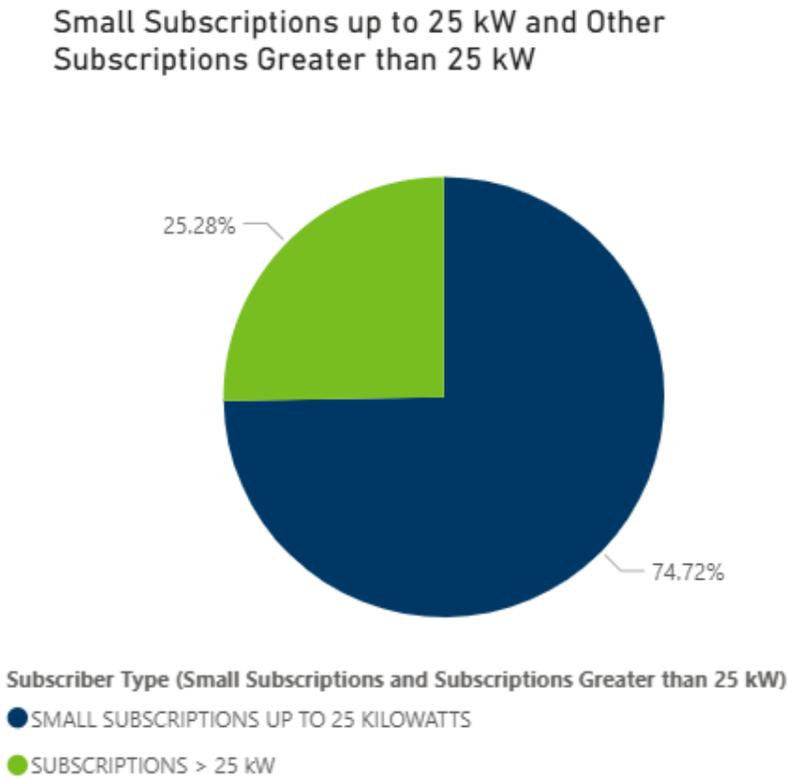


Figure 5: Total capacity of Subscriptions up to 25 kilowatts and Subscriptions greater than 25 kilowatts

