

Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin



Solar Powered Nonprofit

In the summer of 2022, Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin installed 656 solar panels on the roof of their facility in northeast Austin. With their solar installation, Mothers' Milk Bank at Austin is fulfilling their mission to save babies' lives by providing prescribed donor human milk to infants while reducing their operating costs and their carbon footprint.

Customer Benefit

The nearly 30,000 square-foot facility is powered by rooftop solar made possible in partnership with Freedom Solar and generous rebates from Austin Energy and the City of Austin. The solar installation reduces operating costs for the building, which houses walk-in freezers, community meeting space and a research lab.

Community Benefit

"Austin Energy's Customer Renewable Solutions team is proud to support local non-profits and view them as the heart of the communities we serve. **In an effort to reduce the financial barriers that nonprofits encounter while pursuing rooftop solar installations, Austin Energy launched a program specifically for nonprofits where the incentives are paid upfront, reducing capital expenditures.** Since then, we've helped Austin-area nonprofits install one megawatt of solar, enough to power 130 homes. Austin Energy is excited to continue to offer special solar incentives for non-profits as we work together to build the socially and environmentally sustainable electric system of the future."

-Tim Harvey, Austin Energy, Customer Renewable Solutions Manager

About Austin Energy

Austin Energy, the City of Austin's electric utility, serves more than 500,000 customer accounts and more than one million residents in Greater Austin. The utility's mission — to safely deliver clean, affordable, reliable energy and excellent customer service — has guided Austin Energy in powering the community and supporting the region's growth since 1895. For more information, go to [AustinEnergy.com/go/Solar](https://www.austenergy.com/go/Solar).

"Protecting the environment and using renewable energy is in our best interests, because we want nature to give us what we need. Embolden to use our resources for families in need and use the sun to provide the energy we need to save babies and serve families."

-Kim Updegrave,
Executive Director,
Mothers' Milk Bank
at Austin

Project Design Details



656 solar panels.



Total system size: 269 kW



Value of Solar Bill Credits:
Average monthly savings of **\$2,900** or roughly **98%** of their electricity costs.

Incentives



\$268,960 up-front incentive from Austin Energy at **\$1.00/Watt** installed.



9.91 cents/kWh solar energy production credit from Austin Energy.



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