

Apply for funding through the

# SMALL INNOVATIVE PROJECTS IN SOLAR (SIPS) PROGRAM

Jump-start your novel solar energy idea with up to **\$400,000** from the U.S. government.

The U.S. Department of Energy seeks high-risk solar research projects that:



**Produce significant results in 12-18 months**



**Quickly validate novel concepts**



**Lay the foundation for later-stage research and development**

## New to federal funding? Start with SIPS.

The SIPS funding opportunity will be reissued every year.



More than **50%** of project leads were first-time awardees

More than **100** projects funded since 2015

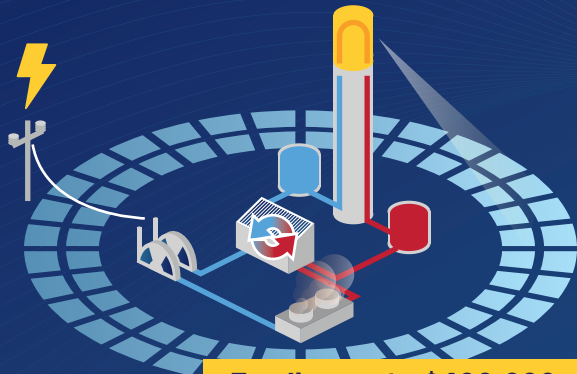


**60** different organizations in **33** states awarded SIPS funding since 2017



## Think outside the box.

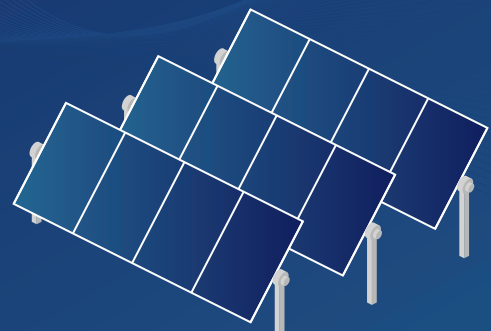
Nearly any solar energy technology idea is eligible. SIPS aims to improve:



Funding up to **\$400,000**

### Concentrating Solar-Thermal Power

- Thermal energy storage
- Solar collectors (e.g. heliostats)
- Solar-thermal industrial processes
- Turbomachinery
- Solar-thermal fuels



Funding up to **\$250,000**

### Photovoltaics

- Power conversion efficiency
- Field performance
- Service lifetime
- Manufacturability
- Reuse and recycling

**Goal:** Accelerate the advancement and deployment of solar technology to support an equitable transition to a decarbonized economy.

Learn more:

[energy.gov/eere/solar/small-innovative-projects-solar-sips-program](https://energy.gov/eere/solar/small-innovative-projects-solar-sips-program)

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