

# Battery Storage, Microgrids & Load-shaping Technologies

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# Solar For All Grant (SFA)



## Purpose

Transform the status quo, putting billions of dollars of solar panels on the homes of low-income families and closing the equity gap in access to solar energy



## EPA Funded

- \$7B and 60 Awards
- Texas Coalition awarded \$250M
- Austin Energy targeting \$31+M in negotiations

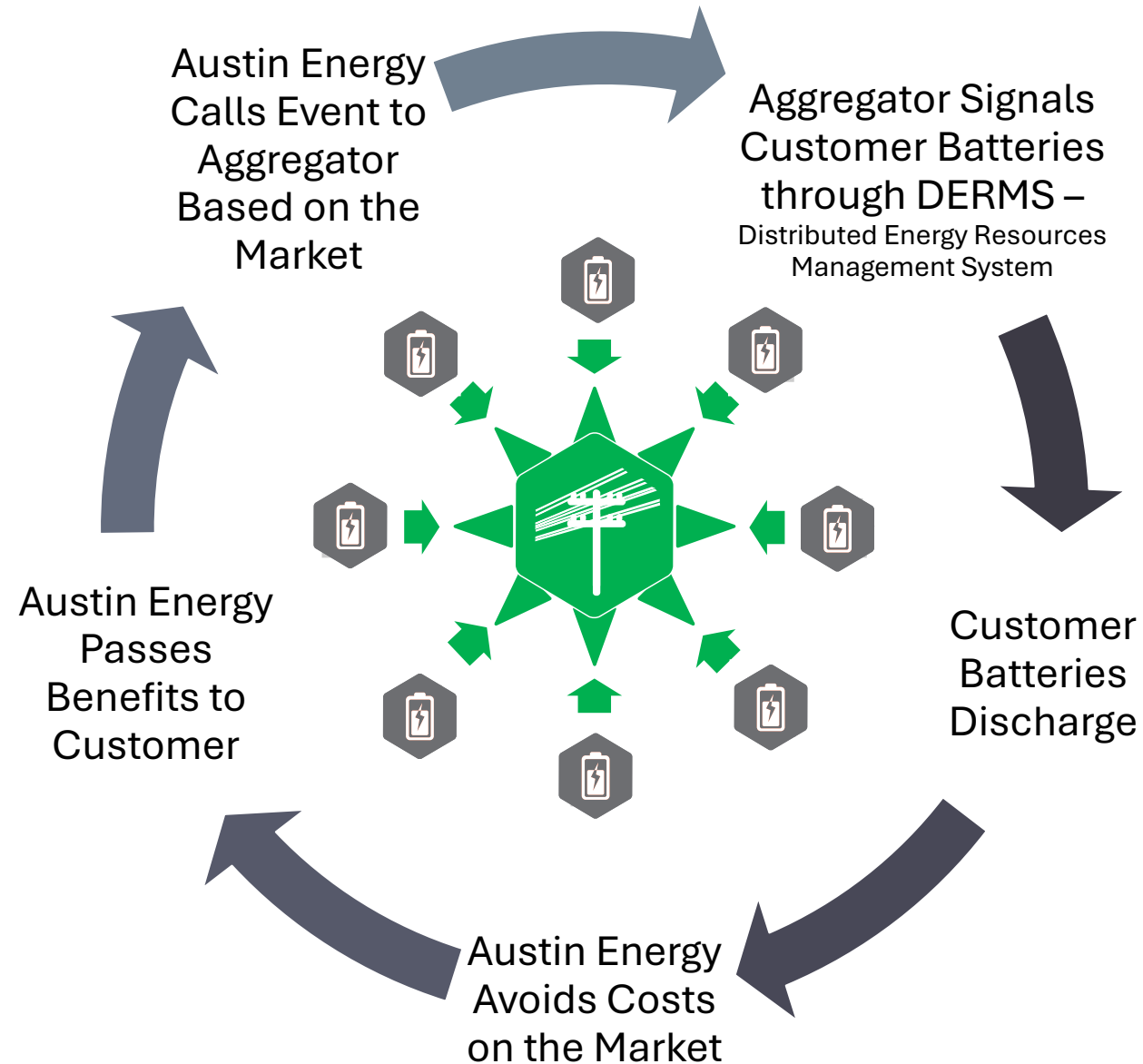


## Benefits

- 3,000+ Homes with Solar & Batteries
- Equitable Access to Solar
- Low-Income Household Savings
- Resilience Benefits
- Workforce Development
- Community Ownership
- Environmental Benefits
- Virtual Power Plants
- Generation inside Load Zone

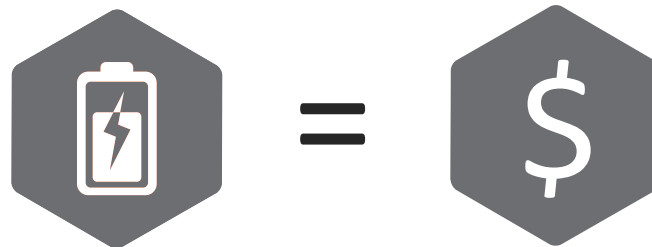


# Aggregated Distributed Energy Resources



# Battery Incentives

- Austin Energy is considering the battery value proposition to the customer holistically
- Once an ongoing benefit approach is facilitated, we will evaluate an upfront incentive
- Austin Energy is currently working on approaches using utility-controlled batteries to provide resiliency benefits that flow to low-income customers



# Battery Adoption



## Progress

- Shines provided lessons on interconnection & operations
- Residential and commercial interconnection guidelines and design criteria fully developed
- Permitting and inspections
- Billing system updates to enable more configurations
- Vehicle to Home (V2H)
- 10MW residential batteries installed



## Current Efforts

- Resilience Hubs planning with Parks & Recreation Dept.
- Microgrid – Camp Mabry
- Making battery recycling info readily available
- Market benefit analysis and operation strategies
- Procuring an edge Distributed Energy Resource Management System (DERMS) solution
- Solar For All to use edge DERMS for Virtual Power Plant



## Planning

- Working with Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) to build requirements for full scale central DERMS
- DERMS working group
- FY25 CIP budget includes funding for DERMS



# Microgrid Enablement

## Behind the Meter Storage and Microgrid



# Resiliency Hub Pilot

## Pilot Sites

- Montopolis Rec Center
- Gus Garcia Rec Center
- Dove Springs Rec Center
- Givens Rec Center

## Batteries

- Capable of handling full load
- 3 days of autonomy
- Virtual Power Plant

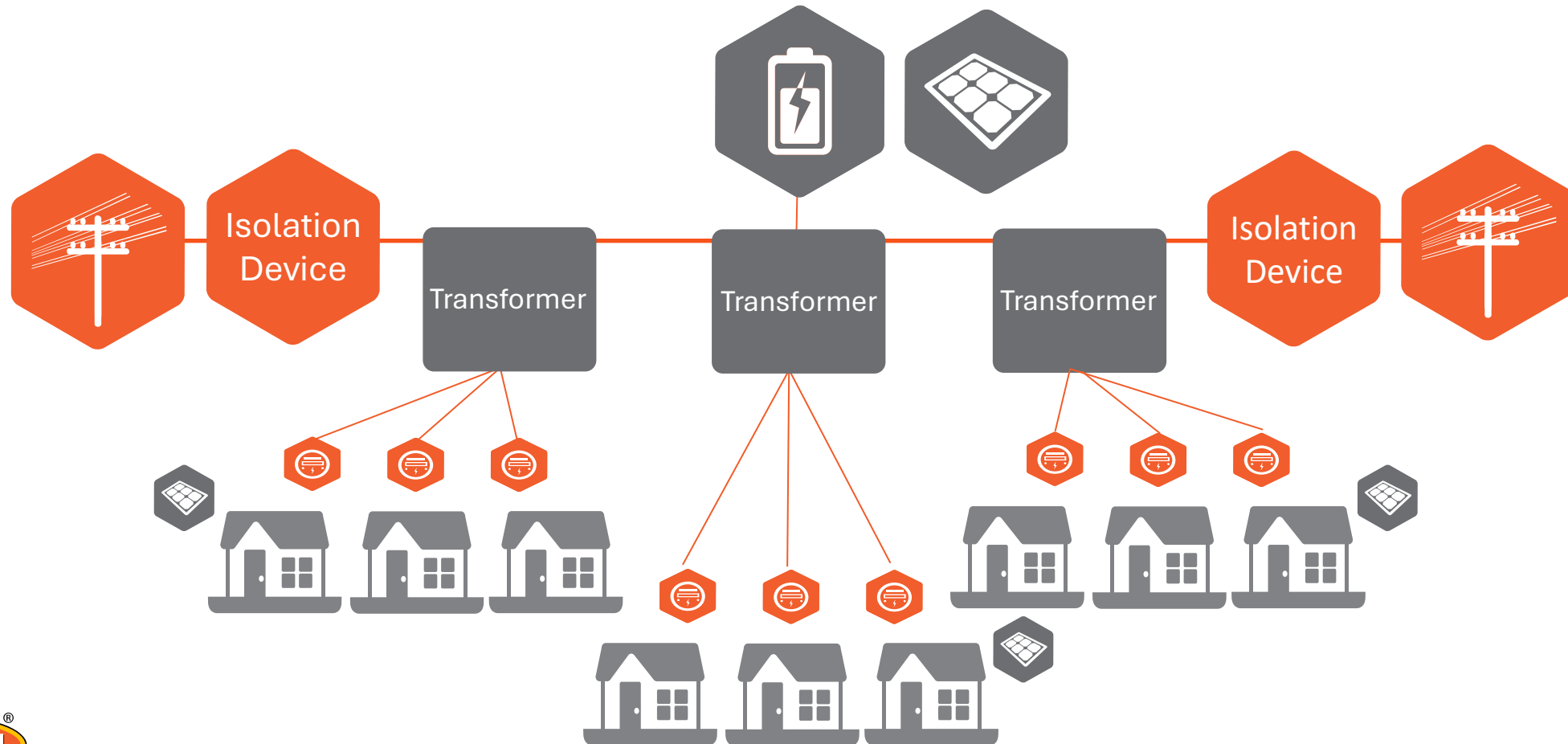
## Solar

- Maximize site potential
- Support batteries in off-grid mode
- Community Solar Program



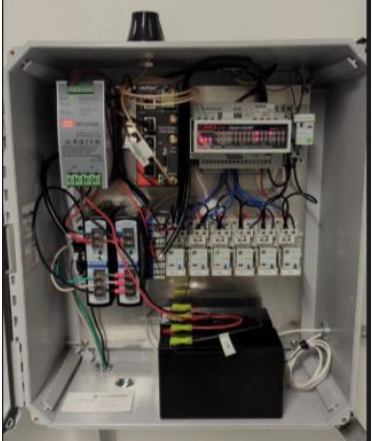
# Microgrid Enablement

## Front of the Meter Storage and Microgrid





# Load Shaping & Demand Response Technologies



Commercial Demand Response End Nodes



## Commerical Demand Response

Virtual or physical 'end-node' initiates building/site specific strategy to reduce energy from HVAC, lighting and process loads

## Power Partner Thermostat

Shift HVAC load for residential and small business customers

## Thermal Energy Storage

Chilled water or ice storage systems allow commercial customers to shift cooling load



## Demonstration Programs

- **Power Saver Program** — Residential customers volunteer to receive alerts to conserve energy on days of peak demand
- **Multifamily Smart Home Rewards** — Smart thermostats and water heater controllers/leak detectors qualify for new dual tenant and property owner incentives

Multifamily Smart Home:  
Armada Power Water Heater Controller & Ecobee Thermostat



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