

# FirstLight Sustains

FirstLight Sustains is a competitive grant program to improve the quality of life in the communities where FirstLight facilities are located in the United States in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania.

The grant program supports and empowers local municipalities, school, and organizations that promote community building and/or sustainability in FirstLight communities. It provides an equitable process whereby qualified, reputable, and capable organizations can apply for and receive funding for activities and projects that promote those goals.

A complete list of FirstLight communities is included on the application.

## FirstLight's Mission

Our mission is to accelerate the decarbonization of the electric grid by supporting the development, operation, and integration of renewable energy and storage to meet the world's growing clean energy needs and deliver an electric system that is clean, reliable, affordable, and equitable.

To complement our mission, the FirstLight Sustains Program has two areas of focus:

### Climate Action & Education

Climate Action and Education grants will promote awareness of, appreciation for, or access to public conservation and sustainability efforts, and support the protection, restoration, and betterment of natural resources in our communities.

### Community Building

Community Building grants will support efforts to enhance the communities in which we live and work through public safety improvements, public art projects, placemaking, community led services, and more.

## Grant Application Process

FirstLight welcomes applications from municipalities or schools, or organizations that are eligible to receive tax-deductible charitable contributions. FirstLight Sustains will award individual grants of up to \$5,000. Grants that fulfill requirements for, or are eligible for, matching funds are encouraged. Additional support in the form of materials and sponsorships may be made at the discretion of FirstLight.

The 2025 grant cycle will open on February 3, 2025, and close on April 4, 2025. All applications must be emailed or postmarked by April 4, 2025, for consideration in this fiscal year. Awards will be announced in May 2025.

Grant application forms and additional information may be obtained by visiting:

[www.firstlight.energy/purpose/firstlight-sustains/](https://www.firstlight.energy/purpose/firstlight-sustains/)

