

‘Share the Sun’ Solar Affordability Program Launches on February 6

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Share the Sun, a solar affordability program, will begin accepting applications from low-income families on St. Thomas and St. John starting Feb. 6.

Share the Sun is a reduced-cost portable solar generator program. This program is being administered through Community Action NOW and Rotary Club of St Thomas East ECO with the support of the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands, the Virgin Islands Conservation Society, and Island Green Living.



A solar power roof (Source file photo)

Solar generators are a great option for families to keep the lights on during power outages and natural disasters, and charge medical devices, cell phones and some appliances. The solar generators offer built-in 1800w pure sine wave inverter and a 60Ah lead acid battery, three 110v AC outlets, a DC outlet and USB port on the front of the unit. The unit also has a separate 100-watt solar panel on wheels to charge the battery.

In 2022, more than 55 families on St. Thomas participated in this program. Community Action NOW is excited to launch phase 2 for income-eligible families on St. Thomas and now St. John. Share the Sun also offers a retail sales option for families who do not qualify for the reduced-cost program.

Families can purchase the devices at full cost, directly supporting Share the SUN's reduced-cost program. Devices sold at full cost help to grow our reduced-cost program and are reinvested in the Share the Sun program, helping more families to gain access to solar.

“We must do all that we can to help families save money and keep the lights on,” said Iffat Walker, executive director of Community Action NOW!

Pre-registration opens on Feb. 6. Please visit the website at www.communityactionnow.org or call 474-1510.