

Finance Implementation for Energy Efficiency

The Back Story (1)

- Lack of Capital is a primary barrier in the majority of instances when EE projects don't move forward. (JCI)
 - Insufficient budget
 - Inability to allocate budget (capital budget trap)
- And yes, good financing could fix solve that problem



The Back Story (2)

- But most *contractors* don't know have access to financing for their customers and are nervous about even discussing finance options.
- It's a rare financial institution that really understands the opportunities and risks involved in financing EE.
- And most utilities are uncertain about how to integrate financing in to their customer EE offerings.



Our Solution

- We formed HBC Energy Capital to fix the disconnect.
- We:
 - Created partner agreements with financial institutions who will fund EE in all markets, from the smallest to the largest project sizes, and for commercial to tax exempt leases, to service agreements to commercial PACE.
 - Partner with utilities who interested in offering financing but don't want to be lenders. All they want is to give their customers another tool in their toolbox to get projects done.
 - Support contractors who want to offer financing to their customers. We are their one-stop finance team.



We Make it Easy

- We make it easy for everyone. That means we:
 - Review the <u>contractor's</u> audit report showing energy savings, rebates, project costs and come up with a cash flow positive indicative finance offer.
 - Pre-vet the projects that <u>financial institutions</u> actually want to fund before submitting them for underwriting.
 - Integrate deeply with <u>program implementers and utilities</u>, providing a single offer to customers, and all required reporting for the utilities.
 - Manage all document intake and distribution, providing a onstop financing solution for <u>contractors</u>, <u>utilities and financial</u> <u>institutions</u> to interact with.



A One Stop Shop Solution



We connect projects to the **right** lenders



Benefits to Contractors

- Custom financing for projects without the hassle
- Get more projects to <u>cash flow</u>
- Progress payments available
- Fast ACH (electronic) payments upon project completion
- No cost to offer financing



Benefits to Financial Institutions

- Deal Flow: We feed projects to financial institutions.
- Deal Quality: We deliver pre-vetted deals to financial institutions based on their desired project size, credit risk, technology tolerance and other factors.
- We deal with contractors and all their questions about financing. Financial institutions don't have to take calls directly from contractors.



Benefits to Utilities

- We make it possible and we make it easy to offer financing. But utilities don't have to originate, service or fund loans - they are not lenders.
- We integrate directly with either the utility or utility program implementers to offer financing as part of the overall efficiency program.
- We coordinate all the reporting, so utilities can meet their compliance requirements with regulators.



What Does HBC Energy Capital Finance?

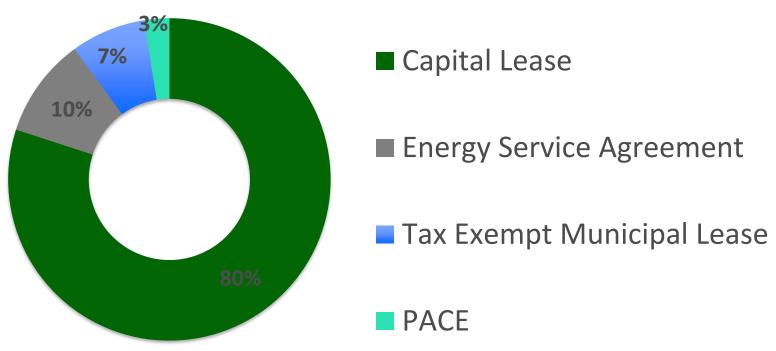
- Project Sizes:
 - \$1,000 \$multi million
- Terms:
 - From 1-12 years
 - Up to 20 years in some cases
 - Rates starting at 3%
- Technologies:
 - Efficiency, some Distributed Generation
- Instruments:
 - Capital Equipment and Tax Exempt Municipal Leases
 - Service Agreements
 - Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE)





Financing Instruments

Relative Use of Financial Instruments



But we see increasing interest in Service Agreements



User Experience, Step 1



Match



 Contractor provides us with project specs/proposal or audit report



 We provide an indicative financing proposal, based on financing goals, project, and ideal lenders

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 Contractor and customer review and notify us if we should pursue financing approval





Indicative Financial Quotation Prepared For: Your Customer, LLC

Project Summary

xxxxx of xxxxx has engaged HBC Energy Capital to procure low cost financing for your project. The figures on this sheet explain the payments and savings calculated specifically for your project. If you are interested in moving forward with this offer, let us know and we will submit your project for financing approval. Please note: indicative quotation amounts are subject to credit review; interest rates and final payment amounts may vary.

5	Financing	Metrics

Project Cost \$74,000

Utility Incentive \$13,000

Net Financed \$61,000

S Project Savings Metrics				
Annual Savings	\$26,000	Energy Cost Savings		
Ten Year Savings	\$260,000	Energy Cost Savings		

6 Month Cost of Delay \$13,000 Lost Energy Cost Savings From Waiting 6 Months to Install Project

S Project Financing Estimates				
Term	Monthly Savings	Monthly Payment	Net Monthly Cash Flow	
2 years	\$2,167	\$2,966	-\$800	
Term	Monthly Savings	Monthly Payment	Net Monthly Cash Flow	
3 years	\$2,167	\$2,032	\$135	
Term	Monthly Savings	Monthly Payment	Net Monthly Cash Flow	
4 years	\$2,167	\$1,564	\$602	

Next Steps		Next Steps	Questions? Call HBC Energy Capital (720) 724-7673
	Step 1	Review indicative quote- notify HBC Energy Capital if you want to move forward with this offer	to discuss your financing options today.
	Step 2	HBC Energy Capital will notify you of a credit decision or the need for additional information required to get you approved	
	Step 3	Receive notification of financing approval, sign closing docs, and begin equipment installation	

What we need for approval (Capital Equipment Lease)

Project size	Usually	In Some Cases
\$0-\$50,000	 Address Owner Name Legal Business Name Project Info 	 SSN and Owner personal address (for personal guarantee) Years in Business # of Employees
\$50,000- \$250,000	• 1 Page application	 2 years financials and tax returns Personal Guarantee
\$250,000+	 2 years financials previous 2 tax returns	 Personal Guarantee



User Experience, Step 2



Offer

 HBC Energy Capital ensures it has the right information to approve a project

 We work with lender(s) to get project approved

 Customer selects an approved offer to move forward with 2 Business Days



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User Experience, Step 3

Support

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 HBC Energy Capital facilitates all contractual documentation

• Contractors install project

 Customer verifies installation is satisfactory and complete

 When construction is complete, lender disburses project funds directly to contractor organization

business days



Then What?

- Customer makes payments to the finance institution throughout the term
- For a lease, at end of term once financing is fully amortized, \$1 "buyout" is paid to lender
- For a service agreement, customer has option for equipment to be removed, to renew the lease, or to purchase the equipment

