



CITY OF FULLERTON

Fullerton, CA

By working with NORESCO, the City of Fullerton has significantly modernized its energy infrastructure, reduced carbon emissions, and advanced its sustainability goals—all without upfront capital costs.

Faced with the dual challenges of aging infrastructure and addressing California's climate mandates, Fullerton partnered with NORESCO through an energy savings performance contract (ESPC). This innovative approach leveraged guaranteed future savings to fund critical infrastructure upgrades, reducing financial and technical risks for the city.

Key upgrades included replacing inefficient HVAC systems, installing over 6,000 LED lighting fixtures, adding solar canopies to parking areas, and expanding electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Together, these improvements are guaranteed to save the city \$11.7 million in energy costs over the 18-year contract term. Additionally, these efforts have reduced annual carbon emissions by nearly 2.8 million pounds, the equivalent of planting 1,300 acres of trees.

This comprehensive project earned Fullerton recognition from the Southern California chapter of the American Public Works Association, which honored the city with a BEST Award in 2023.

Fullerton received more than \$1.6 million in federal funds through the elective pay section of the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The city also received a \$15,000 rebate through the Southern California Regional Energy Network.

The City of Fullerton's success demonstrates how municipal governments can drive meaningful change through energy-efficient, sustainable solutions—all while delivering long-term economic and environmental benefits to their communities.

Project Cost: \$8,591,227

Annual Cost Savings: \$523,874

Contract Term: 18 Years

Contract Type: ESPC

Technical Highlights:

- New HVAC units
- New HVAC control systems
- Solar photovoltaic (PV) installations
- LED lighting fixtures
- EV charging stations

“Our energy savings program allows us to stretch our general fund dollars while improving community safety and progressing toward our sustainability and climate goals.”

Fred Jung
Mayor, City of Fullerton

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