

CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Opportunities for Multifamily Affordable Housing Providers

Home Energy Rebates

California's Home Energy Rebate programs provide funding to single and multifamily households to make necessary energy efficiency improvements and install highly efficient electric appliances and equipment. The Home Energy Rebate program includes:

- Up to \$14,000 per unit through the **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate** (HEAR) program for electric heat pumps, electric service and wiring upgrades, weatherization measures, and more.
- Rebates for energy efficiency upgrades through the **Home Efficiency Rebate** (HER) program:
 - No-cost energy retrofits for low-income households through the Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program (*minimum 20% energy savings*)
 - Enhanced rebates for low-income households for whole-home energy retrofits through the Pay for Performance Program (*minimum 15% energy savings*)

California's HEAR program is accepting applications through [TECH Clean California](#) and the state's [Equitable Building Decarbonization Direct Install Program](#) is expected to launch this summer.

Learn more about California's rebate programs [here](#).

Other State Clean Energy Funding Opportunities

In addition to California's Home Energy Rebates funding, affordable housing providers may be able to leverage state-administered grants, rebates, and other low-cost financing to support energy-saving projects. Current offerings include:

- [Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing](#) (SOMAH) which delivers the benefits of solar to low-income households.

Learn more about California's clean energy funding opportunities [here](#).

\$290M

for high efficiency electric
appliances and equipment

\$292M

for energy efficiency
upgrades

up to 100%

of eligible energy efficiency
and electrification costs
covered

Check out [NHT's Preservation Toolkit](#) to learn more about multifamily affordable housing clean energy and energy efficiency funding opportunities.

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Get a Head Start: How to Prepare Your Portfolio to Leverage Clean Energy Incentives

If you're interested in taking advantage of California's Home Energy Rebates and other clean energy programs, here are steps you can take now to ensure your properties are ready to leverage funding.

Assess Your Portfolio's Needs

- ✓ Lower operating costs
- ✓ Deferred maintenance or needed capital improvements
- ✓ Must complete upgrades to comply with building code or qualify for tax credits
- ✓ Building owner/developer preservation goals

Collect Utility Data and Complete Energy Audits

- ✓ Make sure you are benchmarking your properties' energy usage. It is important to collect data on owner-paid and tenant-paid utilities. *Many programs will require participants to demonstrate energy savings post-retrofit work through energy benchmarking.*
- ✓ Identify opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of units and common areas. Comprehensive audits and energy assessments should align with an AHSRAE Level II audit. *Some programs may provide incentives to help cover the costs of energy audits.*
- ✓ When applicable, consider assessments that outline a pathway for achieving net zero emissions. This includes:
 - Full electrification
 - Elimination of on-site carbon emissions
 - Power from onsite or offsite renewable energy/clean energy sources

Stay in the loop with your state's programs

- ✓ [Subscribe](#) to the California Energy Commission's email list for the latest on the state's energy efficiency and clean energy programs, including Home Energy Rebates.