

CONNECTICUT CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Opportunities for Multifamily Affordable Housing Providers

Home Energy Rebates

Connecticut's Home Energy Rebate program will provide funding to single family 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. Connecticut's HEAR program will target low-income households below 80% AMI.
- Rebates for energy efficiency measures through the **Home Efficiency Rebate** (HER) program:
 - 20-34% energy savings – \$4,000 rebate per unit
 - 35%+ energy savings – \$8,000 rebate per unit

Connecticut's HER program will target low-income multifamily buildings (at least 50% of units at or below 80% AMI) through the state's existing utility-run [Multifamily Initiative program](#).

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

Other State Clean Energy Funding Opportunities

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

- Multifamily financing through the [Connecticut Green Bank](#)
- [Municipal Utility](#) Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy offerings

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

\$49.5M

for high efficiency electric
appliances and equipment

\$49.8M

for energy efficiency
upgrades

up to \$22k

in Home Energy Rebates
for qualifying households

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 Connecticut'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

Complete Energy Audits and Assessments

- ✓ 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

- ✓ Email DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov to be added to the email list for the latest on the state's energy efficiency and clean energy programs, including Home Energy Rebates.