



WASHINGTON, D.C. CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Opportunities for Multifamily Affordable Housing Providers

Home Energy Rebates

D.C.'s rebate funding will be administered by the District of Columbia Sustainable Energy Utility (DC SEU) and used to expand two existing programs: the [Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator](#) (AHRA) and the [Affordable Home Electrification Program](#) (AHEP).

AHRA helps affordable multifamily buildings comply with D.C.'s Building Energy Performance Standards and will leverage rebate dollars to help fund whole-building energy efficiency upgrades that achieve at least 20% energy savings.

AHEP provides point-of-sale rebates to low-income households and buildings for qualified electrification measures including heat pumps for heating and cooling, heat pump water heaters, electric induction stoves, and heat pump clothes dryers.

Since Home Energy Rebate funding is being used to compliment other District funding, most developers can expect these programs to cover up to 100% of eligible project costs.

Other State Clean Energy Funding Opportunities

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

- DC SEU's Income Qualified Efficiency Fund which provides funding for various energy efficiency upgrades.
- Energy Audit Assistance up to \$15,000 for qualifying buildings.
- Solar for All, designed to increase the amount of solar generated in the District and help reduce electric bills for low- to moderate-income households.

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

\$29.6M

for high efficiency electric appliances and equipment

\$29.8M

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 D.C.'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 the District's Building Energy Performance Standards 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

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