



North Carolina CLEAN ENERGY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Funding Opportunities for Multifamily Affordable Housing Providers

Home Energy Rebates

North Carolina's Home Energy Rebate programs 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 household/unit through the **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate** program for electric heat pumps, electric service and wiring upgrades, weatherization measures, and more.
- Rebates for energy savings through the **Home Efficiency Rebate** program (HER):
 - Minimum 20% energy savings - \$16,000 per household/unit

*rebate amounts are for households/units at or below 80% AMI

North Carolina has launched its rebate program in high energy burden and disadvantaged communities and will expand the program statewide in phases throughout the year.

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

Solar for All

North Carolina's [Solar for All program](#) will target three priority categories across the state: rooftop solar for single family homes, behind-the-meter solar at multifamily housing owned and operated by nonprofit and public orgs, and community solar pilot programs. North Carolina plans to take advantage of the year-one planning period, with a program launch this fall.

North Carolina will also be served by several [multistate and Tribal solar programs](#).

In addition to North Carolina's Home Energy Rebates and Solar for All funding, affordable housing providers may be able to leverage state-administered grants, rebates, and other low-cost financing to support energy saving projects. Learn more [here](#).

\$209M

for high efficiency electric appliances and energy efficiency rebates

\$156M

to create and expand solar programs for low-income households

up to \$30k

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

While North Carolina's Home Energy Rebates and Solar for All programs are still being finalized to launch statewide, there are steps you can take now to ensure your properties are ready to access funding once programs launch.

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

- ✓ [Subscribe](#) to the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's email list for the latest on the state's energy efficiency and clean energy programs, including Home Energy Rebates and Solar for All.