## **Home Energy Rebates**

Texas's Home Energy Rebates 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 for heating and cooling, hot water, and clothes dryers; electric service and wiring upgrades; electric ovens, ranges, stoves, and cooktops; and weatherization measures including air sealing, duct sealing, and insultation.
- Rebates for energy efficiency upgrades through the Home Efficiency Rebate (HER) program:
  - o 20-34% energy savings \$4,000 rebate per household/unit
  - o 35%+ energy savings \$8,000 re bate per household/unit

\*rebate amounts are for households/units at or below 80% AMI. Texas may increase the maximum HER funding projects may be eligible to receive.

Learn more about Texas's rebate programs here.

# **Other State Clean Energy Funding Opportunities**

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

Energy efficiency improvements through the state's <u>Weatherization</u> <u>Assistance Program</u>

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\$344M

for high efficiency electric appliances and equipment

\$346M

for energy efficiency upgrades

up to \$22k

in Home Energy Rebates for qualifying households

Check out <u>NHT's Preservation Toolkit</u> to learn more about multifamily affordable housing clean energy and energy efficiency funding opportunities.

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

If you're interested in taking advantage of Texas'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
  - o Elimination of on-site carbon emissions
  - o Power from onsite or offsite renewable energy/clean energy sources

### Stay in the loop with your state's programs

✓ <u>Subscribe</u> to the Texas State Energy Conservation Office's email list for the latest on the state's energy efficiency and clean energy programs, including Home Energy Rebates.