

Affordable Housing Decarbonization Technical Assistance Program

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Program overview

Property owners of affordable, multifamily housing can receive no-cost technical assistance as they transition from fossil fuel to efficient, electric energy.



Why enroll?



Find funding sources for building upgrades

Several state and federal programs offer funds to electrify buildings and optimize energy use. Our experts can help you access this funding.



Develop a scope of work for FREE

Most funding sources require you to submit a detailed project proposal. Our experts will give you tools and information to create one.



Lay the groundwork to benefit from energy efficiency

By offering your tenants a more comfortable home and affordable energy bills, you'll get fewer maintenance requests and less resident turnover.

How the program works

Stage 1: Scoping study

Work with an approved Energy Consultant to assess your building's energy performance. They'll conduct a walk-through analysis, utility data review, and interviews to identify cost and energy savings opportunities.

Stage 2: Design study

Get a detailed plan from your Energy Consultant to decarbonize your building all at once or over time. You'll also get the information necessary to develop a scope of work and pursue funding for the recommended opportunities. These opportunities may include improving energy efficiency, installing solar panels, upgrading your electrical service, and transitioning from fossil fuel heating to electric heat pumps.

Which property owners are eligible?

You're eligible for this free technical assistance if your property's primary use is residential, has five or more apartments, and meets at least one of the following criteria:

- ✓ Your property is deed-restricted affordable housing
- ✓ Your property is owned by a public housing authority
- ✓ Your property is located in an Environmental Justice community based on income criteria
- ✓ Your property has at least 50% of units with rents that are considered affordable for households earning at or less than 80% of area median income

Ready to apply? Here's what you need.

- ✓ An overview of your building's characteristics and energy equipment systems
- ✓ Your utility information
- ✓ Verification that your property is eligible as affordable housing
- ✓ Any prior energy audits or assessments

What to expect after you apply

Application processing: It will take about two weeks for your application to be reviewed. If you're approved, we'll contact you to choose from a list of approved Energy Consultants. If you prefer, we can select one for you.

Scoping study: It will take around eight weeks for your Energy Consultant to conduct and review the scoping study. The results of this study will determine the feasibility and focus areas for your design study.

Design study: It will take about 12 weeks for your Energy Consultant to conduct the design study and discuss their recommendations with you and the program staff.

Scan to see if your building is in an [Environmental Justice community](#).



Scan to apply using our [online form](#).

