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INCREASING AFFORDABILITY THROUGH BUILDING DECARBONIZATION

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Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program

The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program provides financial incentives for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing. The program will deliver clean power and credits on energy bills to hundreds of thousands of California's affordable housing residents. SOMAH's unique, community-based approach ensures long-term, direct economic benefits for low-income households, helps catalyze the market for solar on multifamily housing and creates jobs.

The SOMAH program serves multifamily affordable housing in the Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Southern California Edison Company, San Diego Gas & Electric Company, Liberty Utilities Company and PacifiCorp utility territories. Funded through greenhouse gas allowance auction proceeds, SOMAH has a program budget of up to \$100 million annually and an overall target to install 300 megawatts of generating capacity by 2031.

The program is designed to be transparent and accountable to the communities it serves. It is administered by a team of nonprofit organizations, which provides a host of no-cost services to maximize participation and community benefit. Services include comprehensive technical assistance for housing owners, for contractors. A community advisory council oversees program impact. tenant education resources and job training. The SOMAH program also has robust local hiring requirements. A community advisory council oversees program impact.

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HOUSING FINANCE SERVICES



ADVOCACY AND RESEARCH



- ✓ State Clean Energy Programs
- ✓ Affordable Housing Building Decarbonization Summit
- ✓ Sustainable Housing Technical Assistance



Building Decarbonization – Why Does This Matter?

Investment in clean energy programs can have wide-reaching benefits for affordable housing owners and their tenants, including:

- Lowered operating costs and increased cash flow
- Improved resident health and wellbeing
- Enhanced building resilience



SOMAH Program



WHAT IS SOMAH?

- SOMAH helps deliver financial and environmental benefits to affordable housing properties and their tenants
- SOMAH offers:
 - ✓ Incentives for solar PV
 - ✓ No-cost technical assistance
- Benefits:
 - ✓ Savings on energy costs
 - ✓ Financial benefits for tenants
 - ✓ Supports a healthy California



INCENTIVES & FUNDING

- Incentive rates are determined by the tenant/common area allocation
- Incentives are reduced on an annual basis (July 1st)

- SOMAH Funding:

- ✓ \$100M annual budget
- ✓ \$80,754,160M available for SCE

2020-2021 Incentive Rates

ITC	LIHTC	Tenant	Common
No	No	\$3.04	\$1.04
Yes	No	\$2.14	\$0.76
No	Yes	\$2.14	\$0.76
Yes	Yes	\$1.52	\$0.57

Next Steps



HOW TO GET STARTED WITH SOMAH

- Contact Rachael Diaz at rdiaz@chpc.net for an interest call
- Visit CalSOMAH.org to learn more
- Submit an [Upfront Technical Assistance request form](#)

INTERESTED IN ADDITIONAL SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS?

- Contact Rachael Diaz at rdiaz@chpc.net for a portfolio review
- Join the [Green Rental home Energy Efficiency Network \(GREEN\)](#)
- Sign up for CHP's [Building Decarbonization Summit](#)



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THANK YOU!

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