

Multifamily Performance Program Updates
Frequently Asked Questions
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On March 4th, the Multifamily Performance Program Team announced two updates to the Multifamily Performance Program (MPP):

- The energy savings threshold for MPP projects has been **reduced from 20% to 15%**, and
- MPP will **track energy savings in site savings** rather than source savings.

With these program updates in place, we wanted to address a few frequently asked questions.

Please note that this is interim guidance until the Program Guidelines for Version 9 (V9) are finalized and released. The approved V9 Program Guidelines will supersede this FAQ.

Schedule and Extent of Changes

Why were the changes made?

By reducing the energy savings threshold to 15%, we hope to spur energy efficiency adoption for projects that may not meet the more challenging 20% threshold. Furthermore, by switching to site savings, we hope to encourage the inclusion of heat pump measures as an alternative to fossil fuel burning heating systems. This program update is not intended to encourage conversion from a fossil fuel burning heating system to electric resistance heat due to the source energy usage associated with electric resistance heat. If you are considering conversion to electric resistance heat as a measure, please contact MPP staff early in the scope of work development.

When will the documentation be released?

The Program Guidelines, marketing materials and other documents associated with MPP will be updated in the coming months. We will send out an announcement once the documents are finalized and itemize the significant changes. It should be noted that additional changes to the Program are also being considered. We considered feedback from Providers, building owners and other stakeholders in preparing these program updates. If you have any questions or comments about the program updates, please contact Brian Cabezas, brian.cabezas@nyscrda.ny.gov.

Does the switch from source to site savings also apply to the High-Performance Component?

Yes, the energy savings for the High-Performance Component will also be tracked in site savings rather than source savings.

Incentive Structure

What is the new incentive structure with the 15% energy savings threshold?

The incentive structure for MPP is updated per the table below. Please refer to Version 9 Program Guidelines, once they are released, for any additional updates to the incentive structure.

Projected Energy Savings Target	Total Incentive (per unit)	Modeling incentive (per unit)	50% Construction Incentive (per unit)	Construction Completion (per unit)	Performance Incentive (per unit)
15% - 24%	\$700	-	-	\$600	\$100
25% - 29%	\$800	-	-	\$700	\$100
30% - 34%	\$1,000	-	-	\$800	\$200
35% - 39%	\$1,500	-	-	\$1,000	\$500
40%+ & EUI ≤ 100	\$3,500	\$100	\$1,400	\$1,500	\$500

Application Processes

When will Version 9 and these Program changes go into effect?

Projects can apply to Version 9 effective immediately. We are currently in the process of updating pertinent Program documents (Terms and Conditions, SAV-IT, etc.) and as such Providers should use the V8.1 documentation until further notice. However, Providers will be asked to have their clients sign the updated Terms and Conditions when the V9 document is finalized.

Can a project that dropped out apply under V9?

A project that previously dropped out of MPP can apply under V9. We can work with you to determine what information is needed and use as much previously submitted information to reduce administrative work. To discuss steps to reapply under the new program, please contact Jackie Albanese, Jackie.albanese@nyscrda.ny.gov.

Can an active MPP project switch to V9?

This will be handled on a case-by-case basis. Generally, projects without an approved SAV-IT can switch to V9. We can work with you to determine what information is needed and use as much previously submitted information to reduce administrative work. To discuss steps to switch an active project to the new program version, please contact Jackie Albanese, Jackie.albanese@nyscrda.ny.gov.