

NYSERDA Multifamily Program Menu



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The Multifamily Program Menu summarizes NYSERDA's program offerings available to support clean energy building improvements in **existing** multifamily buildings, which includes both affordable and market rate.

NYSERDA typically defines a multifamily building as a building that has five or more residential units, and where the predominant building use type is for residential purposes. Buildings may contain nonresidential commercial space if that space does not consist of more than 50% of the gross heated square footage of the entire building.

NYSERDA typically defines affordable housing as properties in which at least 25% of the units are, or are expected to be, occupied by households earning no more than 80% of the area or State median income, whichever is higher.

Unique eligibility requirements are described in each program, where applicable. These requirements are not all inclusive, please visit the website for additional eligibility criteria. Note that payment into the electric System Benefit Charge (SBC) is an eligibility requirement for most programs.

Please note all programs presented are subject to change based on funding availability and solicitation updates.

This Multifamily Program Menu is organized into sections:

- **Technical Assistance Programs:** Programs that provide targeted funding for studies, trainings, design services or other non-implementation activities for existing multifamily buildings.
- **Implementation Programs:** Programs that provide funding for the installation and commissioning of carbon reduction technology and upgrades in existing multifamily buildings.
- **Full-Service Programs:** Programs that provide both technical assistance and funding for implementation in existing multifamily buildings.
- **Financing Programs:** Programs that invest in carbon reduction technology and upgrades in existing multifamily buildings.
- **Utility Programs:** Programs provided through joint utility initiatives that provide funding for the installation of carbon reduction technology and upgrades in existing multifamily buildings.

For more information about these programs and other offerings, visit nyserdera.ny.gov/Multifamily or email multifamilyinfo@nyserdera.ny.gov



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Technical Assistance Programs

Affordable Solar and Storage Predevelopment and Technical Assistance (PON 3414)

- Offers incentives for the development of solar and/or energy storage study projects that benefit LMI customers and affordable housing providers AND demonstrate viable models for equitable solar and/or storage development.
- Offers incentives to address resource gaps and market barriers to solar and/or storage installations that serve low- to moderate-income (LMI) households living in affordable housing, and other LMI households not served by conventional single-family residential solar installations.

Market Type	Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Up to \$200,000
Offering	Funding for photovoltaic systems (PV) and/or energy storage predevelopment and studies
Program Information	nyserda.ny.gov/aspta
Contact	affordablesolar@nyserda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	PON 3414

EmPower+

- Offers income-eligible residents of multifamily buildings no-cost, energy efficiency upgrades when residents have reported income below 80% of the state median and live in a building with 100 units or fewer.
- Connects participants with contractors that will provide a free in-unit assessment of free electrical energy upgrades.

Market Type	Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Free assessment and energy efficiency measures, and \$5–\$15/month electric bill credit for community solar
Offering	Assessments of comprehensive, in-unit residential energy
Contact	nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/EmPower-New-York-Program

FlexTech (PON 4192)

- Offers to owners of affordable and market rate multifamily buildings a cost-share for credible, objective technical studies focused on energy efficiency and carbon reduction, electrification, or electrification readiness.
- Studies encompass a range of information to help owners make informed clean energy investment and sustainability decisions and can uncover information used to evaluate and develop a road map over time for the implementation of low-carbon energy-saving upgrades.
- Eligibility requirements include using a program approved FlexTech Consultant or Independent Service Provider.

Market Type	Market-Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	50% study cost for Market-Rate Housing and 75% study cost for Affordable Housing up to \$500,000 or 20% annual energy expenditure, whichever is less
Offering	Funding for comprehensive, targeted, electrification, and/or electrification readiness focused energy studies.
Program Information	nyserda.ny.gov/flextech
Contact	FlexTech@nyserda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	PON 4192

Heat Recovery (PON 5547), Categories 1 and 2

- Offers cost-sharing support for project assessment and design development to integrate heat recovery energy conservation measures within existing building retrofit and decarbonization plans. The Program provides up to 75% cost-share to applicants for two categories of activities.
- Category 1 Heat Recovery Opportunity Assessment provides cost-share for consultants to assess a property's heat recovery opportunity by quantifying the heat that is currently rejected and analyzing its potential to be repurposed.
- Category 2 Heat Recovery Project Design provides cost-share for consultants to develop schematic designs for technically and economically viable heat recovery projects

Market Type	Market-Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Category 1: Heat Recovery Opportunity Assessments – Up to \$40,000 Category 2: Heat Recovery Project Design – Up to \$80,000
Offering	Funding for technical assistance to support the inclusion of heat recovery energy conservation measures within existing building retrofit and decarbonization plans
Program Information	nyscrda.ny.gov/Heat-Recovery-Project-Development
Contact	heatrecovery@nyscrda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	Heat Recovery Project Development - Categories 1,2,& 4 (PON 5547) Heat Recovery Project Development - Categories 1,2,& 4 (PON 5547)

Workforce Training – Building Operations & Maintenance (PON 5357)

- Offers support for training programs to equip O&M workers with skills to operate increasingly energy-efficient, grid-flexible, and electrified building systems that reduce buildings' contribution to climate change.
- Funding is available to building owners, facility managers, property management companies, business associations/trade groups, training organizations and organized labor associations.
- Eligibility requirements include: Applicants must have over \$1M in annual energy expenditures. Visit the website for additional eligibility criteria.

Market Type	Market-Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Up to \$500,000
Offering	Funding for training for existing O&M workforce
Program Information	nyscrda.ny.gov/bom
Contact	winfo@nyscrda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	PON 5357

On-site Energy Manager (PON 3701)

- Offers a cost-share for multifamily facilities or buildings to hire a dedicated full-time or part-time on-site energy manager (OsEM).
- The program seeks to demonstrate the value of an OsEM role at a given facility such that the role along with energy and productivity projects they drive become standardized and self-sustaining
- Eligibility requirements include: Participants must not have an existing dedicated full-time energy manager on-site. Visit the website for additional eligibility criteria.

Market Type	Market-Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	75% cost-share for market rate customers and 100% for affordable customers dependent on overall facility consumption
Offering	Funding for cost of hiring a full or part-time on-site energy manager
Program Information	https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/All-Programs/OSEM
Contact	OnSiteEnergyManager@nyserda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	PON 3701

Implementation Programs

REDi: EB- Resilient and Equitable Decarbonization Initiative for Existing Buildings

- Offers funding to owners of multifamily buildings for implementing one or both of two pre-defined electrification scopes focusing on electrification of domestic hot water (DHW) and space heating.
- Eligibility requirements include that: applicants must be seeking HPD Preservation financing. Visit the website for additional eligibility criteria.
- Funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Market Type	Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Up to \$1 Million
Technology	Funding for heat pumps, DHW, and space heating
Program Information	REDi: EB
Contact	ElectrificationPilot@hpd.nyc.gov

HCR/NYSERDA Clean Energy Initiative (CEI)

- Offers funding to owners of multifamily buildings for implementing one or all of three pre-defined electrification scopes focusing on electrification of domestic hot water (DHW) and/or space heating and envelope and ventilation improvements.
- Eligibility requirements include that: applicants must be seeking Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), bond financing, and/or other subsidized financing from HCR. Visit the website for additional eligibility criteria.
- Funding provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Market Type	Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Up to \$12.5 Million
Technology	Funding for heat pump for DHW and/or space heating and envelope & ventilation improvements
Program Information	HCR CEI Program Information & Term Sheets
Contact	HCR.Sustainability@hcr.ny.gov

Innovative Market Strategies – Safe, Affordable, Financeable Electrification (SAFE)

- Offers incentives to owners of multifamily buildings the option to install and commission a hybrid electrification of centralized domestic hot water systems.
- Participants may leverage the NYS Clean Heat program, with the combined program incentive not to exceed 100% of the construction and commissioning costs.

Market Type	Market Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Technology	Hybrid DHW electrification
Program Information	Nichole Ceci: nceci@swinter.com
Contact	james.mannarino@nyserda.ny.gov

Low Carbon Pathways (LCP) for Multifamily Buildings (PON 4701)

- Offers incentives to owners of multifamily buildings for four energy upgrade packages that bring deep energy savings to major building systems.
- Creates flexibility with a step-by-step approach; implementation can be done one package at a time. Implementation of all four packages in a building achieves higher levels of performance, at near-EnerPHit (Passive House Certificate for retrofits) levels.
- Eligibility requirements include using a program approved FlexTech Consultant or Independent Service Provider.

Market Type	Market Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Not to exceed 50% of total costs of eligible measures per individual project OR not to exceed 75% for total costs of eligible measure for affordable housing. \$3M cap across corporate parent entity portfolio/parent company (whichever is lower)
Technology	Funding for envelope, ventilation, heating & cooling, appliances, and DHW electrification.
Program Information	nyscrda.ny.gov/LowCarbonPathways
Contact	MFLowCarbonPathways@nyscrda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	PON 4701

Heat Recovery (PON 5547), Category 3: Heat Recovery Demonstration

- Offers implementation funding for a subset of heat recovery projects which feature solutions that are replicable and impactful in existing buildings in New York State. To be eligible, a project must include either data center heat recovery, high temperature heat pumps, packaged exhaust heat recovery, or thermal storage. Through Category 3, NYSERDA seeks projects that demonstrate the impact, scalability, and cost effectiveness of one of the four heat recovery solutions.

Market Type	Market-Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Competitive
Incentive	Category 3: Heat Recovery Demonstration – Up to \$2,000,000 per Award
Offering	Funding to implement heat recovery projects that include either data center heat recovery, high temperature heat pumps, packaged exhaust heat recovery, or thermal storage
Program Information	nyscrda.ny.gov/Heat-Recovery-Project-Development
Contact	heatrecovery@nyscrda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	Heat Recovery Project Development - Category 3 Demonstration (PON 5547)

Full-Service Programs

NY-Sun Nonresidential Incentive (PON 2112)

- Offers incentives for the installation of new, grid-connected, electric photovoltaic (PV) systems. Incentives are structured through the Megawatt (MW) Block Program. Incentive amount depends on the size and location of project.
- Additional incentives are available for projects built directly upon regulated multifamily affordable housing.
- Eligibility requirements include using program-approved contractors and builders. Visit the website for additional eligibility criteria.
- Funding available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Market Type	Market Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Non-Competitive
Incentive	Variable based on size, location, and type of project
Technology	Photovoltaic Systems (PV)
Program Information	nyseda.ny.gov/All-Programs/NY-Sun/Solar-for-Your-Business/Solar-for-Multifamily-Buildings
Contact	info@nyseda.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	PON 2112

Financing Programs

NY Green Bank – Clean Energy Financing Arrangements (RFP 1)

- Offers financing to owners of multifamily buildings for a variety of decarbonization projects to obtain high levels of energy performance in New York State.
- Proposals evaluated on a rolling basis.

Market Type	Market Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Competitive
Financing	\$5 Million and up
Offering	Financing solutions
Contact	info@greenbank.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	RFP 1

NY Green Bank – Financing Arrangements for High Performance Affordable Housing (RFP 18)

- Offers financing to property owners and developers, energy service companies, equipment manufacturers, capital providers, and other market participants that submit proposals to NY Green Bank for investments in the construction of or retrofits of multifamily affordable housing in New York State to high levels of energy performance.
- Proposals evaluated on a rolling basis.

Market Type	Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Competitive
Financing	\$2 Million and up
Offering	Financing Solutions
Contact	info@greenbank.ny.gov
Solicitation Details	RFP 18

NYSERDA Small Business Financing Program

- Offers small business, not-for-profit organizations, and multifamily building owners \$100,000 or more in financing through participation loans. Participation loans provide upfront capital for energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades that improve energy efficiency and lower energy bills.

Market Type	Market Rate & Affordable Housing
Funding Type	Competitive
Financing	50% up to \$50,000 from NYSERDA
Offering	Financing solutions
Contact	gignysbnfp@nyserderda.ny.gov
Program Information	nyserderda.ny.gov/SmallCommercialFinancing

Utility Programs

New York State Clean Heat Statewide Heat Pump Program (NYS Clean Heat)

- Offers incentives to owners and participating contractors, and in some instances financing, for installation of cold climate air source heat pumps (ASHP), energy efficient ground source heat pumps (GSHP) and heat pump water heaters (HPWH). Advances in technology now allow heat pumps to effectively address heating needs in cold climates, helping customers lower their energy cost and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Eligibility requirements include using a participating NYS Clean Heat Participating Contractor and incentives are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional utility specific eligibility criteria and to learn more about program requirements, please visit your electric utilities website or [NYS Clean Heat](#).

Market Type	Market Rate & Affordable Housing
Participating Utilities	Central Hudson, Con Edison, National Grid, New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), Orange & Rockland (O&R), Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E)
Incentive	Reference the Con Edison Program Manual (Section 2) Reference the Central Hudson, National Grid, NYSEG, O&R, RG&E Program Manual (section 2)
Offering	Funding for energy efficient heat pump technology
Contact	cleanheat.ny.gov/contractors-contact/

New York State Affordable Multifamily Energy Efficiency Program (AMEEP)

- Offers incentives to property owners for the installation of energy efficient equipment and technology to affordable multifamily buildings. This equipment and technology can reduce the overall energy use and maintenance costs while increasing operating efficiencies and improving resident comfort. Program offers a comprehensive pathway and a non-comprehensive pathway depending on the proposed scope of work of the project.
- Eligibility requirements include that the participant must be a utility customer that receives gas and/or electric delivery service from one of the participating utilities. All buildings with utility electric service are eligible. For gas projects, all customers with a firm gas heating account are eligible. Some interruptible accounts may be eligible for gas projects. Participants must also use a AMEEP [participating contractor](#). For additional eligibility criteria and to learn more about program requirements, reference the AMEEP [program manual](#).

Market Type	Affordable Housing
Participating Utilities	Central Hudson, Con Edison, National Grid, New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG), Orange & Rockland (O&R), Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E)
Incentive	Reference the AMEEP Program Manual (Sections: 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.2.2., and 3.2.3.)
Offering	Funding for energy efficiency equipment and technology
Contact	Reference the AMEEP Program Manual (Section: 12)