

Overview



Expand equitable access to solar energy in your community

SOMAH can help your community reach climate goals and save on home energy costs

The California Public Utility Commission's Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program directs greenhouse gas auction revenues to California's most vulnerable and pollution-burdened communities.

SOMAH provides financial incentives for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing. These incentives deliver clean energy and energy bill savings to hundreds of thousands of residents who otherwise would not have access to the benefits of solar. SOMAH's unique, community-based approach:

- Ensures long-term financial benefits for property owners and low-income households
- Helps accelerate the market for solar on multifamily housing
- Creates jobs in disadvantaged and low-income communities



Largest public solar investment in the nation

\$100 million annual budget through 2032, equivalent to 300 megawatts of solar



Benefits for the community

Installing solar lowers tenants' utility bills through bill credits and reduces local emissions



Lasting economic impact

Paid job training opportunities with every SOMAH installation

Why SOMAH is great for your community:

- **Incentives lower the financial burden** of installing solar PV systems on multifamily affordable housing properties
- **Covers up to the full cost** of the tenant-serving part of the solar system and helps offset the remaining cost of the system serving common areas
- **Prioritizes tenant benefits** with a minimum of 51% of energy bill credits going directly to offset tenant energy costs
- **Boosts economic growth** through paid job training opportunities
- **Provides free technical and support services** for all projects

For more information visit: CalSOMAH.org



Building energy resilience in California

Utility regions served

- Pacific Gas and Electric®
- Southern California Edison®
- San Diego Gas and Electric®
- Liberty Utilities Company
- PacifiCorp
- Community choice aggregators (within participating IOU territories)

This unique statewide program has the potential to reach

- ✓ 3,500 eligible low-income multifamily properties
- ✓ 255,000+ eligible households
- ✓ 3,000 job trainees

Eligible properties must:

- Have at least five units
- Be deed-restricted low-income residential rental housing, including but not limited to manufactured and mobile home properties
- Satisfy one of the following:
 - 66% of the property residents have incomes at or below 80% of the area median income (AMI)
OR
 - Property is in a defined disadvantaged community (DAC) that scores in the top 25% of census tracts statewide in the CalEnviroScreen (including property that is located on tribal land and federally recognized)
OR
 - The property is owned by a California Native American tribe
OR
 - The property is rental housing property that is owned by a public housing authority or public housing agency
- Be an existing housing property or retrofit (with Certificate of Occupancy)
- Have separately metered units

Reporting and statistics

- Visit CaliforniaDGStats.ca.gov to view progress reports and available funding in your area
- Explore the Eligible Properties Map to find possible eligible properties in your community at calsomah.org/resources/eligible-properties-map

For more information:



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