Providing financial incentives for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing in California

The largest investment of its kind in the nation, SOMAH’s goal is to assure equal access to solar and help reduce energy bills primarily for tenants of affordable housing. The program’s unique, community-based approach ensures long-term, direct economic benefits for tenants in affordable housing, helps catalyze the market for solar on general market multifamily housing and creates meaningful local jobs.

The program offers comprehensive technical assistance for property owners, as well as tenant education and local hiring requirements.

Incentives

- **100%**
  - Cover up to the full cost of the tenant-serving part of the solar system and help offset the remaining cost of the system serving common areas.
  - Comprehensive no-cost technical assistance is available throughout the project life cycle.

Community benefits

- Over 50% of savings must directly benefit tenants
- Clean solar power
- Tenant education
- Local hiring requirements

Reporting and stats

- Progress reports and budget
- Visit CalSOMAH.org

Goals

- 300 megawatts of solar generating capacity by 2030

Benefits

- Provide direct economic benefits to tenants and increase job training opportunities

Funding

- $100 million annually for 10 years through GHG auction

State policies

- California AB 693 and climate action plans

Eligibility

- California utility and CCA customers in the service territories of PGE, SCE, SDG&E, Liberty Utilities and PacifiCorp

Potential

- 4,000+ multifamily properties and 255k households

For more information

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