

The purpose of this document is to help owners and managers of affordable multifamily housing access clean energy resources and programs. This list may not be comprehensive of every available program but serves as a resource for commonly used programs.

### Utility Incentive Programs

#### **Minnesota Energy Resources – Multifamily Energy Savings Program**

The Multifamily Energy Savings Program is designed specifically to address the needs of multifamily building owners. This program includes the direct installation of high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators where appropriate to the buildings' operations. Additional opportunities for energy savings will be evaluated, including: assessment of centralized heating systems; building operations opportunities, such as boiler control settings; flow measurements and diagnosis of central ventilation systems; a customized energy report with recommendations; follow up assistance with high-value savings opportunities; rebate incentives for energy-efficiency measures most common to multifamily buildings. All of this is at no cost. The program covers all materials and time, no matter how large your building. To get started call 888.734.6365.

Website: [https://accel.minnesotaenergyresources.com/business/multifamily\\_saving\\_programs.aspx](https://accel.minnesotaenergyresources.com/business/multifamily_saving_programs.aspx)

#### **Ottertail Power – House Therapy**

The House Therapy program can help make your home more efficient and help cut costs on your monthly energy bills. The House Therapy program offers free energy-saving services to replace inefficient appliances and weatherize homes for qualified customers as well as for low-income multifamily buildings and homes.

Website: <https://www.otpco.com/ways-to-save/rebates-and-savings/house-therapy-residential/>

#### **Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy – Home Energy Squad**

The Home Energy Squad Program includes a professional inspection of single family homes and townhomes, as well as the installation of energy-saving measures, which include (as applicable): LED bulbs; programmable thermostat installation and program set up; door and attic hatch weather stripping; high-efficiency showerhead and faucet aerators; water heater temperature assessment and adjustment; attic and wall insulation inspection; blower door test; thermal image testing; combustion safety test; carbon monoxide check. Program cost is dependent on location and income limits. The program will also help participants access applicable rebates for larger projects.

Website: <https://www.mncee.org/services/residential-programs/home-energy-squad-enhanced/>

## **Xcel Energy and CenterPoint Energy – Multi-Family Building Efficiency Program**

The Multi-Family Building Efficiency Program is designed to focus on whole-building energy improvements—in both common and residential areas—wherever the most potential savings are identified. Participants receive a free energy audit to uncover whole-building improvement potentials. They will also receive free, energy-saving installations, including: screw-in LED lights in common areas; LED lights in resident units; water-saving showerheads; water-saving faucet aerators; water heater blanket; LEDs in exit signs. This program also helps participants to access applicable rebates for larger projects. Call to learn more at 844.545.7455.

Website: <https://www.multifamilyenergysolutions.com/>

## **General Tips for Working with Utilities**

We recommend calling your local utility company directly to inquire about rebates and other utility incentive programs for multifamily buildings, as utility websites and other databases may not have the most recent information available.

If your utility does not have a dedicated multifamily program, your project will likely still qualify for a mixture of residential and commercial rebates and programs. Additional incentives specifically for qualified low-income customers and buildings may also be available.

## **Solar Programs**

### **Ottertail Power – Publicly Owned Property Solar**

Ottertail Power provide cash incentives to publicly owned facilities that install non-residential solar photovoltaic (PV) systems. Publicly owned facilities receive \$1,500/kilowatt (kW) of installed solar PV nameplate (AC) capacity—up to 50% of project costs—for systems 40 kW or less in size based on AC nameplate capacity. This is a valuable program for tax-exempt public entities, which typically don't qualify for the 30% federal tax credit for installing solar-powered systems.

Website: <https://www.otpco.com/ways-to-save/renewable-energy-residential/publicly-owned-property-solar/>

### **Property Assessed Clean Energy**

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) makes energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy investments more attainable to commercial building owners. PACE financing is a fit for most industries including farms, commercial office buildings, nonprofit organizations (including places of worship), and multi-tenant buildings. Common investments include solar panels, HVAC systems, lighting, motors, and more.

Website: <https://www.minnpace.com/>

### **Xcel Energy – Solar\*Rewards**

Solar\*Rewards is an incentive program designed to help customers to install solar systems on single family homes, townhomes, apartment buildings or businesses. If you produce more energy than you

need, Xcel Energy will add the energy to its grid and put a credit on your bill. There are extra incentives available to help income-qualified customers with limited financial resources to install solar.

Website:

[https://www.xcelenergy.com/programs and rebates/residential programs and rebates/renewable energy options residential/solar/available solar options/on your home or in your yard/solar rewards for income qualified customers](https://www.xcelenergy.com/programs%20and%20rebates/residential%20programs%20and%20rebates/renewable%20energy%20options%20residential/solar/available%20solar%20options/on%20your%20home%20or%20in%20your%20yard/solar%20rewards%20for%20income%20qualified%20customers)

## Other Programs and Resources

### **Clean Energy Resource Teams – Energy Savings Guides**

Guides for renters, landlords, and owners of single family and manufactured homes that provide ways to be comfortable, safe, and efficient.

Website: <https://www.cleanenergyresourceteams.org/home-energy-guide-tips>

### **City of Minneapolis – Green Cost Share Program**

Minneapolis has a Green Cost Share Program. The Cost Share offers matching funds of up to \$50,000 for commercial, industrial, and multifamily properties undertaking an energy efficiency, solar, or innovative pollution reduction project. Projects contribute to the City's energy and environmental goals by reducing electricity derived greenhouse gases, particulate matter, and other dangerous pollutants. The deadline for this year is June 1. If you have questions, you can contact Patrick Hanlon at [patrick.hanlon@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:patrick.hanlon@minneapolismn.gov)

Website: <http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/environment/greencostshare>

### **MN Department of Commerce – Weatherization Assistance Program**

Multifamily buildings are eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP provides free home energy upgrades (such as insulation and mechanicals) to income-eligible buildings to help save energy and make sure buildings are healthy and safe places to live. Contact WAP at [weatherization.commerce@state.mn.us](mailto:weatherization.commerce@state.mn.us).

Website: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/weatherization/>

## Additional Assistance

Please contact Katherine Teiken, Clean Energy Program Specialist, at [katherine.teiken@state.mn.us](mailto:katherine.teiken@state.mn.us) with questions or for technical assistance.