

SOMAH Program Overview



• What is SOMAH?

- o The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program provides financial incentives to property owners for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems and integrated energy storage on qualifying multi-unit housing throughout California, including related roof repair.

• What's SOMAH's goal?

- o SOMAH's goal is to **provide clean power and energy cost savings to California multifamily affordable housing residents** by incentivizing installation of 300 MW of solar in low-income and disadvantaged communities by 2032.

• What regions does SOMAH serve?

- o The SOMAH program serves multifamily affordable housing in the following investor-owned utility (IOU) territories.
 - Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E)
 - Southern California Edison Company (SCE)
 - San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E)
 - Liberty Utilities Company
 - Pacific Power

• How is the SOMAH Program funded?

- o SOMAH is funded through the greenhouse gas allowance auction proceeds of participating utilities.

• What's SOMAH's budget?

- o SOMAH has a budget of up to \$100 million per year through December 31, 2032.
- o The incentive amounts are specifically capped by each IOU territory and projects can only receive incentives from the IOU in which the project is located and interconnected.

SOMAH Benefits

• Property owners

- o SOMAH helps property owners save on energy costs.
 - Reduces and stabilizes energy costs for multifamily buildings.
 - Provides incentives to substantially reduce the cost of PV installation and energy storage.
 - Offers a range of no-cost technical assistance services to make going solar easier.
- o Solar PV provides financial benefits to tenants via utility bill savings.
- o Solar installations support local economic growth and a healthier California.

• Tribal benefits

- o Early Payment Pathway is available exclusively for tribal projects.

• Technical Assistance (TA) and Support Services

- The SOMAH Program offers optional whole-building technical assistance focused on solar PV for eligible projects such as:
 - Solar feasibility
 - Integrated energy storage
 - Financial assistance
 - Energy efficiency support
 - Contractor bidding
 - VNEM allocations
 - Interconnection support
 - Job training support
 - Tenant education services



• Tenant benefits

- Tenants receive direct financial benefits on their energy bills.
- SOMAH provides paid job training opportunities.

Application Procedures

• In what order are applications processed?

- Submitted projects will receive an active reservation on a first-come, first-served basis if funding is available.

• Where can I view available funding?

- The incentive budget for each IOU territory is posted on the [California Distributed Generation Statistics \(CalDGStats\)](#) website.
- Budget information includes the following.
 - List of all program dollars collected to date and by fiscal quarter.
 - Identifies encumbered program funds and available program funds.

SOMAH Resources

• Contacts

- Tenants – Tenants@CalSOMAH.org, 800-843-9728
- Property owners – Contact@CalSOMAH.org, 858-244-1177, ext. 5
- Job trainees – Workforce@CalSOMAH.org, 510-913-9402
- Technical assistance – TechAssist@CalSOMAH.org, 510-722-7757
- General inquiries – Contact@CalSOMAH.org, 858-244-1177, ext. 5