

SOMAH Program Overview



- **What is SOMAH?**

- The Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program provides financial incentives to property owners for installing photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on qualifying multi-unit housing throughout California.

- **What's SOMAH's goal?**

- 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 2031.

- **What regions does SOMAH serve?**

- 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
 - PacifiCorp

- **How is the SOMAH program funded?**

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

- **What's SOMAH's budget?**

- SOMAH has a budget of up to \$100 million per year through December 31, 2030.
- 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**

- 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.
 - Offers a range of no-cost technical assistance services to make going solar easier.
- Solar PV provides financial benefits to tenants via utility bill savings.
- Solar installations support local economic growth and a healthier California.

- **Tenant benefits**

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

- **Technical assistance (TA)**

- The SOMAH program offers optional whole-building technical assistance focused on solar PV for eligible projects.
 - TA examples
 - Energy efficiency + clean energy TA
 - Project management and postapplication TA
 - Financial TA
 - Referrals to other energy-related programs
 - Services to support job training
 - Tenant education and support services

Application and Waitlist 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.
- If no funding is available, a waitlist will be created, and projects will be added to it until more funding is available. Projects will be moved off the waitlist in the order they were received.

- **Where can I view the budget?**

- 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.

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- **SOMAH website**

- CalSOMAH.org