



Upgrade Your Property – Increase Your Savings

Add value to your property, improve tenant comfort, and reduce maintenance costs with the Southern California Regional Energy Network (SoCalREN) Multifamily Program. This program offers technical assistance and financial incentives when you make energy-saving improvements to your property.

Participate in Four Easy Steps

1. Access No-Cost Consulting



An energy consultant from the SoCalREN team will work with you to identify measures and connect you to incentive and financing programs.

2. Get an Assessment



The program will provide an energy assessment that will identify the opportunities to upgrade the energy efficiency of your property.

3. Make Improvements



Have a licensed, qualified contractor install energy efficiency measures. Some measures may be self-installed (contact the program for more details).

4. Receive Incentives



Earn incentives for the amount of energy saved, based on the measures installed. The more you save, the more incentives you can earn!

*Improvement incentive based on energy efficiency achieved. Higher percentages of savings will lead to higher incentive levels.

**Energy upgrades can unlock additional financing and funding opportunities for affordable housing properties.

Enjoy the Benefits

When you make energy-efficient upgrades, you can:

- Save on utility bills
- Reduce operating costs
- Lower maintenance costs
- Increase comfort
- Attract new tenants
- Access financing and incentives**

Confirm Your Eligibility

To participate in the program, your multifamily projects must meet the following criteria:

- Be in a property served by both Southern California Edison (SCE) and SoCalGas®
- Be in a building that contains a minimum of three units
- Include at least three energy efficiency measures
- Achieve a minimum 12% improvement in energy efficiency (effective January 1, 2019)
- Reach project completion by November 30, 2019

Get started!

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Multifamily Program: Frequently Asked Questions

Where does the money for these incentives come from?

The SoCalREN is a program funded by SoCalGas and SCE ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The funds for this program are collected by the utilities and distributed by the CPUC.

How is this program different than the ones I have seen advertised by the utilities?

This program promotes whole-building upgrades rather than replacing individual items and includes both electricity- and gas-saving measures. The incentives are based upon the total percentage of energy saved from all the measures, not a flat rebate per item installed.

Can your incentives be combined with other rebates available from SoCalGas and SCE?

Yes, our program can be combined with other rebates, but reimbursement cannot be claimed for any item more than once. For example, you can only claim a pool pump replacement once through one program. The pump must be excluded from the overall energy savings calculations if you are filing for a separate rebate from SCE.

Where is the program available?

The program is available in areas served by both SCE and SoCalGas in Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Santa Barbara, Tulare and Ventura Counties. Not included are any municipal or cooperative utilities such as Anaheim, Anza Electric Cooperative, Bear Valley Electric Burbank, Glendale, LADWP, Long Beach Gas & Oil, Pasadena, etc.

Our tenant spaces are separately metered. Must improvements be installed within the units to qualify for the incentives?

The improvements can be installed in the common areas or in tenant units. There must be at least three energy efficiency measures installed overall, including but not limited to interior lighting, exterior lighting, window replacements, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, wall insulation and cool roof(s).

Can I use your incentives to install solar electric?

Solar power generation is not eligible. Solar thermal hot water heating for domestic hot water or swimming pools is eligible.

Do I have to get a permit for the improvements?

Yes, any improvements requiring a permit by your local municipality must be permitted. For any central air conditioning or heat pump projects, SB 1414 requires proof that the permit has been closed in order to receive the incentive.

Is there a cap on the incentive amount for my project?

Yes, the maximum amount is between 50% and 75% of the total project cost. Certain projects may qualify for the higher percentage.

Are there income requirements to participate in the program?

No, there are no income restrictions, but projects located in certain low-income areas may be eligible for the higher 75% capped incentive amount.

Is this a loan?

No, the program offers incentive to undertake energy efficiency upgrades in existing multifamily properties. There is no lien on the property, and the monies do not have to be repaid once approved and awarded.

Can the incentives be used for new construction?

The incentives do not apply to new construction, only energy efficiency upgrades to existing properties.

Does the property owner have to use any specific contractors?

No, but all contractors must be qualified and licensed.