

PHIUS Policy Summit

Drivers and Solutions to Support Decarbonization in Multifamily Affordable Housing

Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future









SAHF by the Numbers



230,000+

People Served by SAHF Members



12

Non-Profit Housing Providers



149,000+

Rental Homes for Families, Seniors, and Special Needs Populations

SAHF properties are located in

49 states

+D.C., Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands

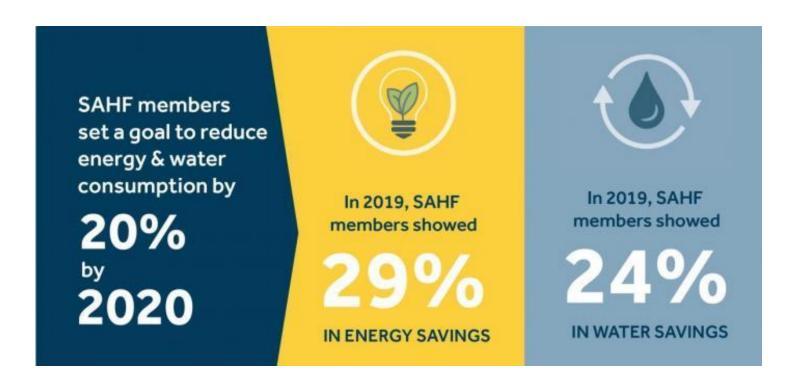


1,950

Multifamily Properties Across the U.S.

SAHF Initiative: The Big Reach

- SAHF members demonstrated that portfolio-wide energy and water reductions can be achieved and measured.
- We are now looking towards including carbon measurement and reduction.



816 properties

68,060
homes

UPGRADED

29,673 homes

BUILT/REHABBED

46,598 homes

RETROFITTED

RENEWABLE ENERGY

installed at

146
properties



SAHF Climate Risk Findings

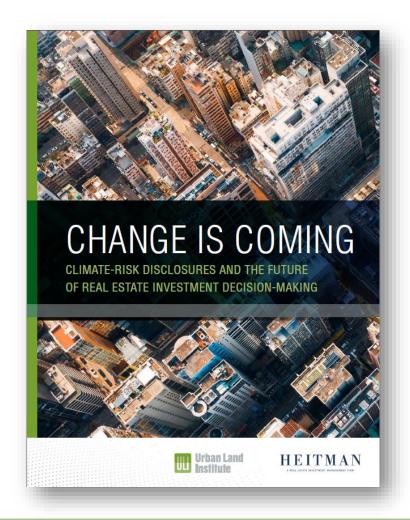
- Over half of SAHF member portfolio faced at least one high risk.
- Highest risk was extreme temperature.
- Members have been using this data, coupled with other information to make decisions.
- Since 2020, new data and tools available.



Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH) used the data, coupled with utility outages to identify best candidates for generators.

Disclosures & ESG

- Investors say climate change is a risk, and they need to measure and price that risk as they do other investment risks.
- One U.S.-based investment adviser will use the data to review carbon-transition plans.
 "You can no longer just say, 'I'm going to be net zero by 2050.' You have to give some indication on how you plan to get there.
 And that is interesting, because it allows us to analyze a company's strategy."
- Another U.S.-based global investment adviser who works in the private space echoed this sentiment, stating that when partners make sustainability claims, "My next question is, 'Prove it?"



Building Performance Standards

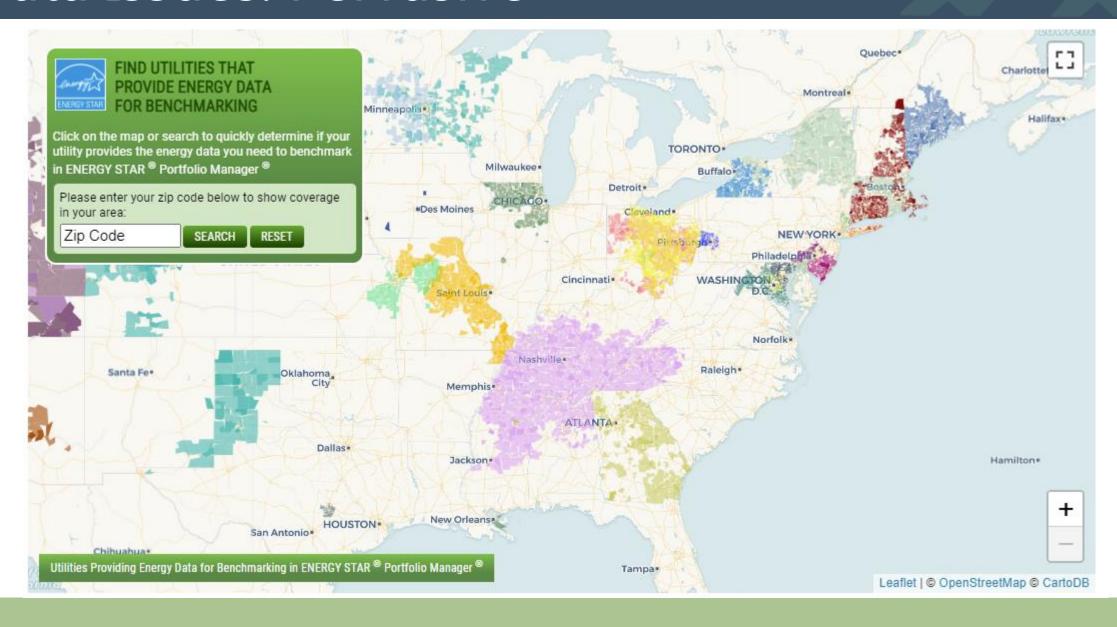
- First comes energy & water benchmarking, then comes building performance standards
- Federal Definition: A Building Performance Standard (BPS) is an outcome-based policy and law aimed at reducing the carbon impact of the built environment by requiring existing buildings to meet energy- or GHG emissions-based performance targets.
- National Building Performance Standards Coalition: launched by the Biden administration, this nationwide group of state and local governments are committed to inclusively design and implement building performance policies and programs

The State of Building Performance Standards (BPS) in the U.S.

Members of the National BPS Coalition as of November 2023



Data Issues: Pervasive



Washington, DC BEPS

Community engagement and comprehensive resources from the beginning:

- NHT & HAND BEPS recommendations
- DC DOEE Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator
- NHT Power on the Block community engagement



NHT's Second Power on the Block (post from LinkedIn): "More good times and great support for our 2nd Power on the Block event at the Monsenor Romero Apartments in DC! Thx to partners at @DC Department of Energy and Environment, @Pepco, @ProjectCreateDC, @ecolatinos_org and others, residents learned how they could save costs and get help for their energy needs."

Overview of IRA Provisions and Funding Amounts



HUD Energy Efficiency/Climate Resilience Program

Grants and loans for holistic energy and resilience retrofits of privately-owned, HUD-assisted housing w/ extended affordability. Through 2028.



HOMES and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Programs

Rebates to offset the cost of whole-home energy efficiency upgrades and electrification projects. LMI multifamily is eligible for higher incentives: Up to \$8K/unit for energy efficiency and up to \$14K/unit for electrification projects.

Approx. \$10B* through 2032

\$9B through 2031

\$15B for low-income/ disadvantaged communities through 2024



Bonus Affordable Housing ITC Solar Credit

20 percentage point increase in ITC tax credit for solar installations of 5MW or less at federally-assisted housing. Tenants must financially benefit. Annual limit of 1.8 GWs.



Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund

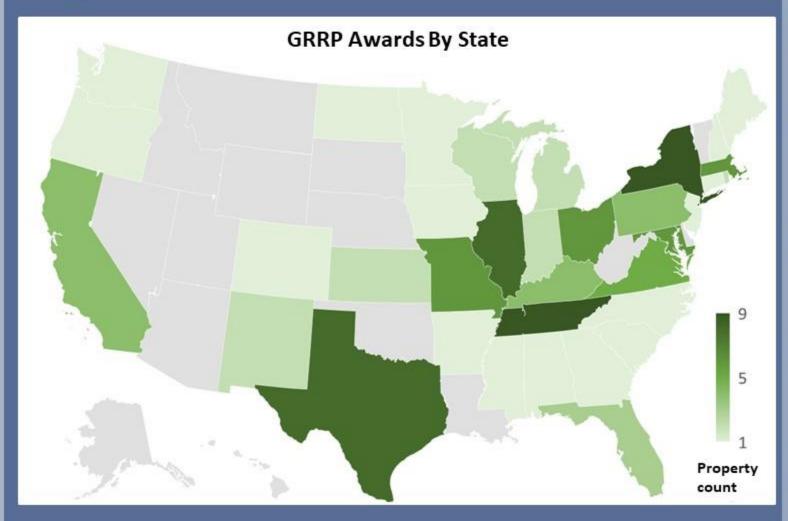
Grants to states, municipalities, Tribal governments, and non-profits to provide technical assistance and financial assistance in the form of grants or loans to deploy zero-emission and other technologies that reduce GHG emissions.

Most to least targeted to affordable housing

^{*}Estimate of solar tax credit amount assumes system cost of \$3/watt and that all 1.8 GW annual capacity is fully subscribed by affordable housing

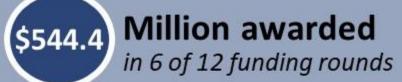


GRRP Funding Overview



GRRP Statistics

Updated March 2024











GGRF Programs

National Clean Investment Fund Clean Communities
Investment Accelerator

Solar for All

\$14 billion

2-3 awardees

Focused on providing financial assistance to aid in the development and deployment of Qualified Projects

Prioritizing scaled deployment, continued operability, and market transformation \$6 billion

2-7 awardees

Focused on providing grant capital to support local project development

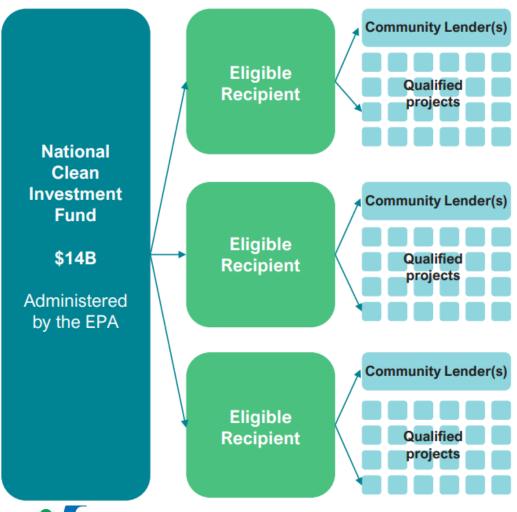
Prioritizing seeding the market across geographies to enable and develop qualified projects

\$7 billion

~60 awardees

Focused on funding rooftop solar in disadvantaged communities ("Solar for All" programs) with/through state and local governments

NCIF



Priority project areas:

- 1. Distributed power generation and storage
- Net-zero buildings
- 3. Net-zero transportation

Qualified Projects:

The project, activity, or technology:

- Would reduce or avoid greenhouse gas emissions
- Would reduce or avoid emissions of other air pollutants;
- 3. Would deliver additional benefits within one or more of the following four categories: clean energy and energy efficiency; clean transportation; affordable and sustainable housing; and training and workforce development;
- 4. May not have otherwise been financed;
- 5. Would mobilize private capital; and
- Would support only commercial technologies.

All financial
assistance needs to
be used to finance
Qualified Projects but
not all Qualified
Projects need to be in
Priority Project Areas



Inflation Reduction Act- GGRF Priority Project Categories



Priority qualified project categories include:

- distributed energy generation and storage
- net-zero emissions buildings
- zero-emissions transportation

Net-Zero Emissions Buildings include projects, activities, and technologies that either:

- retrofit an existing building, making a substantial contribution to that building being a net-zero emissions building, or
- construct a new net-zero emissions building in a low-income and disadvantaged community.

Make an outsized impact on delivering affordable and sustainable housing benefits—especially to low-income and disadvantaged communities.

- •Affordability covenant *AND* rents do not exceed 30% of 80% AMI for at least half of the units
- •Naturally occurring (unsubsidized) housing w/ rents not exceeding 30% of 80% AMI for at least half of the units



New Construction - Massachusetts



TCB's North Commons at Village Hill: A new construction Passive House certified 53-unit community in Northampton, MA.

Challenges

- 1. Assembling an experienced team
- 2. Electrifying the hot water system
- 3. Installing Passive House compliant windows

Key Takeaway: Residents really appreciated comfort. Near zero energy building benefits are greater than the challenges.

Rehab - Massachusetts

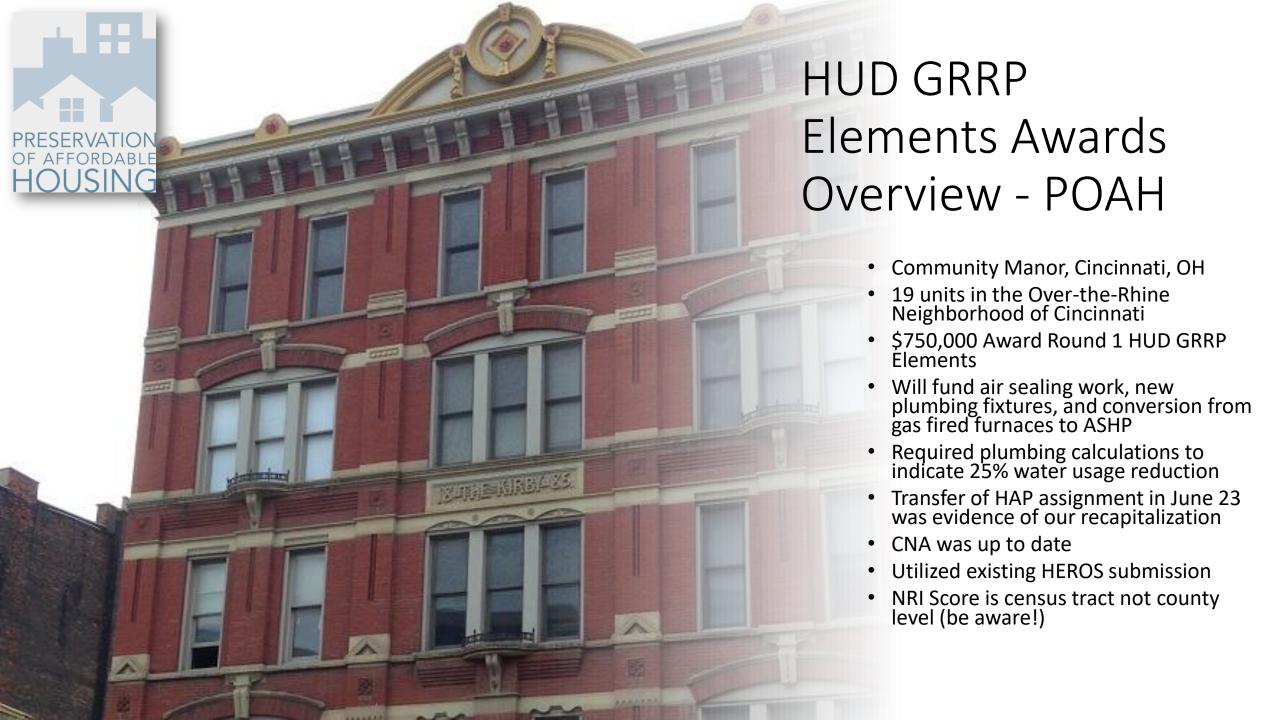


POAH's Salem Heights: An existing 281-unit property in Salem, MA.

Challenges

- 1. Consistency
- 2. Existing façade issues
- 3. HVAC in a box

Challenges became opportunities: new look (and resolved water issues), added comfort, ventilation and air conditioning.



Kindlewood Charlottesville, VA

Funding Phase 2 of a 4-phase redevelopment of a 150-unit community from the 1970s into a new 450-unit community

In partnership with Piedmont Housing Alliance

HUD GRRP Leading Edge Cohort \$6 Million Award - Surplus Cash Loan Project Based Section 8

Enterprise Green Communities Plus 2020 (and DOE Zero Energy Ready) certification with Criterion 5.4 Achieving Zero Energy New Construction Scope of Work

- All-electric and powered with 100% renewable energy from both on-site and off-site renewable energy systems
- Energy and water efficient
- Improve climate resilience

What made this project a good candidate?

- Funding gap due to high construction costs
- Similar scope planned, except for the required 100% renewable energy







Resident Experience: New Technology

- Existing CA property
- Aging gas water heater systems
- Replaced with HPWH
- Immediate problems



Community Housing Partners (CHP)



Cedar Crest: A 78 townhome community in Blacksburg, VA undergoing a moderate rehabilitation.

Scope of Work

Building shell: Doors

Hot Water: High-Efficiency Electric Water Heater

Lighting: In-Unit and Exterior LED Lighting*

Ventilation: Kitchen and Restroom Exhaust Fans

Appliances: Refrigerators*, Dishwasher, Countertop Microwaves, Garbage Disposals, and Ceramic Top Stoves

Water: Faucets, Aerators, and High-Efficiency Toilets

Other: Cabinets with Additional Storage*, Refurbished Decks*, Outdoor Playground*, ADA Accessibility Upgrades*

*Measures influenced by residents

Community Housing Partners (CHP)

Process

- Pre-work Survey: design, language and distribution is important.
- **Design:** act on resident feedback, provide a why for items not prioritized in scope
- Construction: clear communication and flexibility
- Post-construction Feedback: ask how to improve



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