



## **Energize Delaware Affordable Multifamily Housing Program**

The Energize Delaware Affordable Multifamily Housing Program was developed by the Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility, in partnership with New Ecology, Inc. and Elevate Energy,<sup>1</sup> to help multifamily building owners make energy efficiency and renewable energy investments to save money on operating costs, reduce energy use, and improve the living environment for residents.

The Affordable Multifamily Housing Program provides technical assistance, financial incentives, and low interest loans to help owners plan and implement energy upgrades at three points in a building's lifecycle:

- at initial construction;
- at refinancing when major rehabilitation is planned; or
- whenever poor energy performance or equipment deficiencies spur equipment and building upgrades.

The Affordable Multifamily Housing Program offers a customized, whole-building approach that addresses all utilities (electricity, gas, oil, propane, etc.) and pursues common area and in-unit upgrades.

### **Who is eligible?**

Affordable multifamily residential properties with 5 or more units. "Affordable" is defined as any property receiving assistance from a government housing program or charging rents such that households at 80% of the Area Median Income spend no more than 30% on housing costs.

### **One-Stop Technical and Financial Assistance Available**

The Program provides participants with customized financial and technical assistance that is intended to facilitate and streamline completion of successful projects. Technical assistance may include energy assessments, project scoping, contractor selection, renewable energy evaluation, green building charrettes, design review, training and construction oversight. A participant co-pay is required for some services. Financial assistance may include incentives and low interest loans.

### **Whole-Building Assessment of Eligible Upgrades**

For existing buildings, the program will pay 90% of the cost of a comprehensive assessment of the energy and water performance of your multifamily development and provide a prioritized list of upgrade opportunities addressing the following equipment and systems (as applicable):

- Building envelope (air sealing, insulation);
- HVAC and hot water equipment;
- In-unit and common area lighting;
- Energy saving appliances;
- Renewable energy generation (solar PV, solar thermal, geothermal, etc.);
- Qualified health and safety measures;
- Water saving fixtures and equipment.

**For further information and to find out if your property qualifies, visit**  
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<sup>1</sup> New Ecology, Inc. and Elevate Energy are non-profits that are nationally recognized for their expertise in making affordable multifamily housing more energy efficient, healthier, durable, and resilient.