



The CPUC's Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program

What is SOMAH?

The CPUC's SOMAH Program provides financial incentives to property owners or managers to install solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems on multifamily affordable housing with direct economic benefits for low-income tenants. SOMAH is administered by a team of nonprofit organizations, which provide no-cost services, including comprehensive technical assistance for property owners and job training. Goals include:

- Encouraging development and installation of solar systems in disadvantaged communities across the state.
- Lowering the energy bills of tenants of low-income multifamily housing.
- Developing at least 300 megawatts of installed solar generating capacity by 2030.

How Does SOMAH Work?

The California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) Program provides up to \$100 million per year in solar incentives to qualifying affordable housing within the service territories of San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), Liberty Utilities Company, PacifiCorp, and Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E).

Solar PV systems incentivized by SOMAH are required to primarily benefit the tenants. At least 51 percent of the energy produced by the SOMAH system must be allocated to tenants via virtual net energy metering (VNEM), and the tenants must receive 100 percent of the economic benefit of the credits on a monthly basis for the life of the system. Property owners are not permitted to adjust rents or utility allowances based on the credits.

Who Can Apply?

Any retail electric distribution customer of SCE, SDG&E, Liberty, PacifiCorp, or PG&E, who owns or manages a residential, multifamily low-income housing properties of at least five units can apply. Additionally, customers that receive service from a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Program are eligible, if the CCA offers a VNEM tariff.

Learn More

To learn more, including detailed instructions on eligibility and how to apply:

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