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Advance the creation and preservation of healthy, sustainable affordable rental homes that foster equity, opportunity, and wellness for people of limited economic resources.



BRINGING SUSTAINABILITY HOME

Overview

Bringing Sustainability Home is a cross-cutting initiative with a goal of ensuring low-income residents and communities have equal access to critical environmental and health benefits. Launched in 2017, Bringing Sustainability Home connects SAHF's expertise in environmental sustainability and in health to support the deployment and scaling of sustainable and healthy building practices through peer-to-peer engagement and practical resources for affordable housing providers.

The initiative encompasses two program areas – **Sustainable Homes** and **Healthy Homes**. Across each program area, Bringing Sustainability Home creates a virtuous cycle by developing practical resources as a foundation for expanding owners' participation, identifying program improvements to drive increased participation, and integrating proven best practices into management systems.





Sustainable Homes

Transition towards an **equitable clean energy future for all** by scaling up multifamily affordable housing providers' adoption of sustainable building practices.

Activities include:

- Leveraging existing and new utility programs
- Adopting emerging energy and water management practices, such as connected devices and new approaches to renewable energy
- Developing sector-specific carbon reduction strategies, such as beneficial electrification and community solar

Key Resources to Date:

- [Guides](#) to specific energy-efficiency programs targeted to multifamily affordable housing which help affordable housing providers take advantage of free or low-cost efficiency upgrades
- Case studies focused on owner experiences that point to successful [retrofit models](#) and [efficiency programs](#)

Healthy Homes

Cultivate **vibrant and resilient affordable housing communities** by fostering a holistic approach to health and housing.

Activities include:

- Designing buildings that have a positive impact on resident health and well-being
- Centering resident agency in building design and operations
- Promoting health equity and positive health outcomes

Key Resources to Date:

- A [white paper and a tool](#) that connects categories of building upgrades to resident quality-of-life benefits
- [Videos](#) that share affordable housing residents' stories about the benefits they experienced as a result of efficiency upgrades



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