



**City of
Santa Clara**
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Energy Efficient Rehabilitation Grant Program

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is a collaboration of nine counties that provides regional-scale energy efficiency programs, services, and resources. BayREN's Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements (BAMBE) program offers a rebate of \$750 per unit for energy efficiency upgrades in multifamily buildings that achieve 15% whole building energy savings through both gas and electricity. The City of Santa Clara is unique in that its properties obtain electricity from Silicon Valley Power (SVP). Thus, multifamily buildings within our service territory typically don't benefit from the BAMBE program because they must meet energy savings requirements through gas measures alone.

The Association for Energy Affordability, Inc. (AEA) is the BAMBE program technical service provider. As such, AEA conducts onsite energy assessments, development of scope of work, post-installation verification visits, and projected energy savings reporting.



The City of Santa Clara Housing Division and AEA have created a pilot program for multifamily housing projects achieving total energy savings that include gas, electric, and water measures. The City of Santa Clara will supplement BayREN's existing gas reduction incentive of \$375/unit and any other SVP rebates with an electricity/water savings incentive up to \$750/unit for qualifying projects. Projects could receive total incentives of \$750-\$1,125/unit or more. Santa Clara and AEA can work with property owners, at not cost, to identify property specific needs and opportunities.

Program Requirements

- Santa Clara grant funds are eligible for affordable multifamily properties with more than 5 units as approved by the City of Santa Clara.
- Santa Clara grant funds are eligible for energy and water reduction measures at an amount of up to \$750/unit and cannot exceed \$100,000 per project.
- Santa Clara grant funds, when combined with BayREN and SVP incentives, cannot exceed 75% of gross costs. Additionally, Santa Clara grant funds cannot individually cover more than 50% of gross costs.
- For projects utilizing SVP and BayREN incentives, the project must achieve a total of 15% whole building energy savings, inclusive of Solar PV, Solar Thermal, and/or electrification. For non-BAMBE projects, the combined electricity and water savings must add up to 10% or more.
- As a target, the total estimated annual utility bill cost savings from gas, electricity, and water reduction measures, combined for both tenants and owners, must be $\geq 10\%$ of gross pre-rebate costs.
- SVP provides additional [rebates](#) for lighting, HVAC, and other opportunities which can also be utilized.

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