

Multifamily Housing Notice 23-12

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To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

From: Alvin Lawson, Director, Multifamily Operations

Re: *Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP);
MEEHA-Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (MEEHA-GHGRP)*

As the State continues its focus on energy efficiency and greenhouse gas reduction, the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is sharing information on the availability of funding for affordable housing properties.

Earlier this year, the [US Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\) announced federal funding for the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program \(GRRP\)](#).

[GRRP](#) will provide \$1.47 billion nationally, and is available directly to HUD-assisted multifamily properties to:

- Substantially improve energy and water efficiency and reduce emissions, including moving properties toward net zero, zero ready, or zero over time energy and emissions performance standards;
- Enhance indoor air quality;
- Implement the use of zero-emission electricity generation and energy storage; and
- Support building electrification.

There are two remaining application rounds with deadlines on February 28, 2024, and May 30, 2024.

Multifamily properties that are eligible for HUD's GRRP are encouraged to contact DHCD about related DHCD program funds. HUD's GRRP funding can complement and leverage DHCD programs. Questions regarding HUD's GRRP should be sent to grrp@hud.gov.

In addition to several existing programs, DHCD has launched the MEEHA-Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program (MEEHA-GHGRP). This program provides grants to affordable multifamily properties to reduce direct greenhouse gas emissions. Total available funding in FY24 is \$8.75m, and funding will be provided of up to \$15,000 per unit with a project cap of \$1,250,000.

More information about DHCD's energy programs can be found on its website:

<https://dhcd.maryland.gov/HousingDevelopment/Pages/EnergyEfficiencyWeatherization.aspx>.

The combination of HUD GRRP and DHCD MEEHA funds can help transform properties to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, be more sustainable, provide healthier indoor environments for residents, and achieve the State's aggressive climate goals and Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS).

If you have any questions, please reach out to cindy.castro@maryland.gov.

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