



What should you expect when your building goes solar?

Your property owner is working with the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH) program to install a solar photovoltaic (PV) system on your building.

How does SOMAH work?

- An approved SOMAH contractor will install the PV system.
- The PV system will provide clean energy for your home and for common areas like the laundry room, hallways, and community spaces.
- The PV system will be maintained and operated by your property owner or a contractor.
- Maintenance and operations of your building's solar system are at no cost to you.
- You will continue to pay your utility bill monthly, but you will receive credits for the clean energy that the PV system generates that reduce your bill amount.
- You will have the opportunity to enroll in energy efficiency programs and will be connected to the Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESA), a no-cost service to help with energy savings.

How will you benefit?

- ✓ You receive direct financial benefits on your energy bill.
- ✓ You will NOT see an increase in rent or any other costs for your household.
- ✓ You or your family may have access to paid job training opportunities, learning to install the solar PV system.
- ✓ Part of your building will be powered by clean renewable energy.

Where does the funding come from?

The SOMAH program is funded by the State of California, using funds designated for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change. SOMAH provides a number of no-cost services to property owners and tenants, ensuring that you do not pay anything to access clean energy.

Questions about SOMAH?

☎ Tenant Hotline: 800-843-9728

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How does SOMAH benefit tenants?

1. Direct financial benefits

- All tenants will receive credits on their energy bills. If these savings do not appear on your bill, please inform your property owner or contact the SOMAH tenant hotline.

2. Energy saving

- You can increase your benefits by making your home more energy efficient. Use the **Simple ways to save energy** leaflet to help reduce your energy use. Also, take advantage of the **ESA program**, which you will be automatically enrolled in.

3. Job training opportunities

- As a resident of a building receiving solar from the SOMAH Program, you're eligible for **paid** on-the-job solar training opportunities.
- Access the SOMAH job board, where you can post your resume and apply for jobs.
- Gain access to a directory of job training organizations offering solar-related training.
- Benefit from other resources to support your job search and professional development.
- Contact the SOMAH-approved contractor installing solar on your building (see below).

Contractor contact information



Tenant Resources

Required:

- ✓ What to expect with SOMAH
- ✓ How will your utility bill change?
- ✓ ESA program materials

Additional Resources:

- ✓ Get paid to install solar where you live
- ✓ Simple ways to save energy
- ✓ How solar energy works
- ✓ What to expect with a solar installation
- ✓ Introductory PowerPoint presentation

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