



## 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).



## 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

## Contractor contact information

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