The Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program is a residential building decarbonization program that provides incentives and technical assistance to support the adoption of advanced building design and all-electric technologies in new, low-income all-electric homes.

BUILD encourages adoption of clean energy technologies in affordable housing developments, thereby improving access to clean energy for low-income Californians.

Why Participate in BUILD?

- Receive up to $2,000,000 in incentives to reduce construction costs
- Reduce long-term utility costs for both you and your residents
- Build your in-house capacity for all-electric building
- Prepare for current and future state and local building electrification policies
- Layer funds with other programs and incentives
- Eliminate costs for gas infrastructure

Why Participate in BUILD?

- Receive up to 300 hours of no-cost technical assistance to overcome design or construction barriers, and to complete an incentive application

New Adopter Design Award

BUILD provides eligible applicants constructing their first all-electric, low-income multifamily building (10+ units) with up to $100,000 design award to defray direct design costs.

Incentives

BUILD provides robust incentives consisting of four components:

- **BASE GHG INCENTIVE**
  - Based on GHG emissions avoided

- **BUILDING EFFICIENCY**
  - Modeled Resident Utility Costs
  - Based on a percentage above Code

- **INCREMENTAL PV**
  - Modeled Resident Utility Costs
  - Based on a flat rate of PV above Code

- **KICKER INCENTIVE**
  - For additional GHG reduction technologies

**TOTAL INCENTIVE**

$1,700

Per Bedroom average minimum greenhouse gas incentive

$2,000,000

Program Cap per applicant

FOR QUESTIONS, EMAIL BUILD AT:

BUILD@energy.ca.gov

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT:

BUILD Program Webpage

www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program
Free Technical Assistance Services

• Educational resources on all-electric building design and technologies
• Support throughout all development phases (including building design, construction, installing near-zero emission technologies) and information on local building permits
• Assistance with submission of BUILD Incentive Application package and participation support

Who is Eligible

Building owners or developers of low-income housing with:

• Five years’ development experience
• At least one completed low-income project

What Projects are Eligible

• Low-income residential housing (single-family and multifamily) with income restrictions varying depending on project location and type of housing
• All-electric and no hookups to the gas distribution grid
• Demonstrate modeled resident utility cost savings
• Project located in one of four gas service territories: Southern California Gas, Pacific Gas & Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southwest Gas Corporation

To apply for incentives, submit a complete BUILD Incentive Reservation Application package

To request Technical Assistance (TA), submit a Technical Assistance Application

Program Guidelines

Visit BUILD Program Webpage (https://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program) to review BUILD Program Guidelines for full details on program eligibility and requirement.

Get Started Today

BUILD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TEAM

BUILD is administered by the California Energy Commission in collaboration with the California Public Utilities Commission. It is authorized by Senate Bill 1477 (2018, Stern) and funded by the four California gas corporations apportioned according to each gas corporation’s percentage share of allocated Cap-and-Trade Program allowances. Reservations are approved on a first come, first served basis, and regional funding availability is based on the utilities’ contribution to the program.