



# BUILD

Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development Program

## Program Layering Overview



**The Building Initiative for Low-Emissions Development (BUILD) Program** provides incentives and technical assistance to support the adoption of advanced building design and all-electric technologies in new, low-income all-electric homes and multifamily buildings.

### Program layering helps projects maximize funding

Program layering is participating in more than one incentive program for a single project. Layering helps project teams maximize funding and reduce their project costs.

California has many incentive programs available to encourage energy-efficient and low-emissions building construction.

#### It may be possible to layer programs if:

the programs' source of funding is different

or

the programs fund different parts of the project

### How to layer programs with BUILD

To easiest way to get started with layering is to apply for BUILD's no-cost [technical assistance](#). BUILD's team of experts will help identify layering opportunities for your project.

BUILD offers incentives to projects located in any of the four investor-owned utility (IOU) gas service territories: Southern California Gas, Pacific Gas & Electric, San Diego Gas & Electric, and Southwest Gas Corporation.



This large territory means there are many opportunities for layering with other incentive programs across the state.

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[BUILD Program Webpage](#)

[www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program](http://www.energy.ca.gov/programs-and-topics/programs/building-initiative-low-emissions-development-program)

## Example programs that layer with BUILD

BUILD is funded by cap-and-trade funds from California's gas IOUs. BUILD can often layer with the following program types that are not funded by cap-and-trade funds.

### California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Ratepayer-funded Programs

California consumers located in IOU territories pay a Public Goods Charge on their utility bills. The CPUC oversees energy efficiency programs that distribute these ratepayer funds. Example programs that can layer with BUILD\* include:

- [California Energy-Smart Homes](#)
- [California Energy Design Assistance \(CEDA\)](#)
- [CPUC Self-Generation Incentive Program \(SGIP\)](#)
- [SCE Charge Ready New Construction Rebates \(NCR\)](#)

### Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Programs

The Inflation Reduction Act provides funding for home energy rebate programs. These programs will likely become available in 2024 and 2025.

- Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES)
- Home Electrification Rebates (HEEHRA)

### Municipal Utility Programs

California municipal water and electric utilities often fund energy efficiency programs within their service territories. Example programs that can layer with BUILD\* include:

- [SMUD All-Electric Smart Homes](#)
- [SMUD Neighborhood SolarShares](#)
- [LADWP Zero By Design](#)

### Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) Programs

Some cities and counties in California operate Community Choice Aggregator (CCA) programs within investor-owned utility territories. CCAs often offer energy efficiency incentive programs that can layer with BUILD.

\*Programs available as of March 2024. View the [BUILD Guidelines Chapter 6 Section L](#) for requirements on incentive layering and multiple funding sources.



Visit the [BUILD program website](#) to get started

#### 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.