

OFFICE OF HOUSING

Green and Resilient Retrofit Program (GRRP)

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HUD's Climate Action Plan

- Reflects a comprehensive effort to reduce HUD's energy and carbon footprint by investing in more efficient, sustainable, and equitable housing infrastructure.
- Overarching strategies:
 - 1. Increasing climate resilience (e.g., better understanding of risk and capacity building for our residents, owners, and borrowers)
 - 2. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions (e.g., energy benchmarking, energy standards, and incentives)
 - 3. To pursue environmental justice (e.g., focusing on those communities historically overburdened by environmental and climate hazards)
- Unified HUD commitment to addressing climate change

GRRP Program History

- \$837.5 million provided through the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)
 - Loan commitment authority of \$4 Billion
 - Funding for retrofits at existing properties
 - Additional funding for benchmarking and implementation
- Request for Information released October 2022 received feedback on:
 - Program Design
 - Cost-effectiveness
 - Fund leveraging
 - Equitable distribution



Common barriers to address

- Reach properties in need with low capacity
- Remove HUD barriers to green investments, such as the split incentive problem
- Limit fossil fuel-fired systems and appliances
- Ensure resident engagement in project design; protect residents during construction
- Include health, safety, and carbon benefits in cost effectiveness screening
- Encourage or even require leveraged funding
- Pay for health and safety investments
- Support owner capacity for project management and staff training
- Ensure quality control and commissioning of construction and mechanicals

GRRP Overview and Goals

• Retrofits will reduce properties' climate impact while making them more efficient, safe, and healthy for residents through:

Energy and/or water efficiency Energy and water benchmarking Improved indoor air quality Low-emission building materials or processes Climate resilience Building electrification Zero-emission electricity generation Energy storage

- Funding will be awarded directly to properties in HUD's Multifamily assisted portfolio, primarily §8 PBRA, §202, and §811
- Program will target deep retrofits and ambitious projects

GRRP Resources

- Visit <u>www.HUD.gov/GRRP</u>
- Email <u>GRRP@hud.gov</u>
- Subscribe to the Office of Housing's <u>mailing list</u>

Other IRA Programs

- Benchmarking assistance for Multifamily assisted properties
 - EPA Energy Star Portfolio Manager
 - Understand energy use and identify opportunities to increase efficiency
- Solar generation and clean energy deployment
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund
- HUD is working with federal agency partners on increased investment in housing