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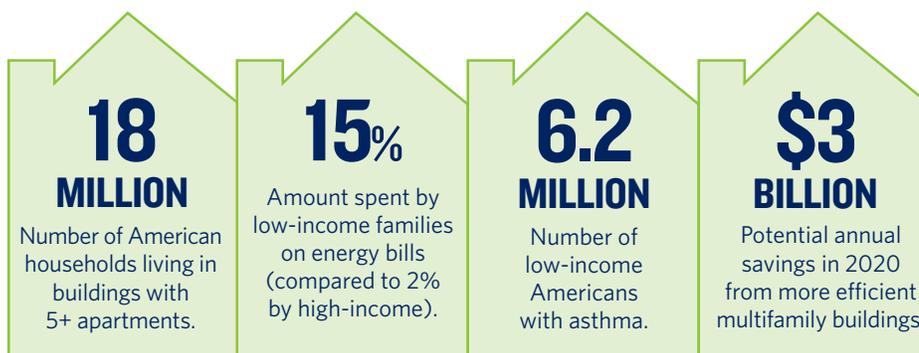
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Making multifamily homes healthy and affordable through energy efficiency

Affordable rental housing is critical for low-income Americans, but many apartments are in need of repair and come with higher energy bills. Increasing the energy efficiency of rental housing saves energy, improves residents' health and comfort, and maintains reasonable rents. This helps families, communities, and affordable building owners. Additionally, many states require utilities to invest in programs that support energy efficiency. Improving the energy savings in these apartments, by sealing drafty doors and windows and insulating water pipes, for example, helps utilities meet their mandated goals.

The mission of the Energy Efficiency For All project (EEFA) is to bring together the energy and housing sectors in order to tap the benefits of energy efficiency for millions of poor Americans. We work with a range of partners in twelve states to promote effective utility energy efficiency programs that can optimize energy use for all affordable building owners, and ensure healthy and inexpensive housing for residents.



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Before the renovations at Galen, we constantly had to worry about fixing our thermostat to make the room comfortable... All of these things help me save money. I don't have to worry about health problems associated with my unit or even think about out-of-control bills for utilities. It's great!

Dewitt, Galen Terrace Resident¹

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¹ Galen Terrace's 84 families banded together to secure energy efficiency renovations to their aging building. Residents have seen 60% electricity savings and 20% water savings



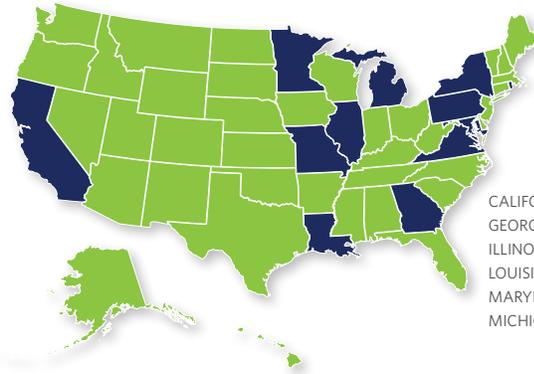
Everyone benefits from investments in energy efficiency in affordable multifamily housing:

UTILITIES - Helps meet mandated efficiency goals and improves services to customers most in need.

BUILDING OWNERS - Reduces operating costs, which frees up capital for maintenance and increases asset value.

RESIDENTS - Saves money through lower energy bills and creates healthier, comfortable living environments by improved unit upkeep.

COMMUNITY - Increases spending on non-energy necessities by residents, creates local jobs, and preserves affordable rents.



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WORKING TO REACH 5 MILLION HOMES IN TWELVE STATES

TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY, ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR ALL IS WORKING WITH PARTNERS TO:

- Provide technical resources for regulatory filings and utility energy efficiency program design
- Build state-based coalitions and connect them into a national network
- Connect, educate, and support stakeholders to boost capacity and influence
- Inform the public and policymakers of the many benefits of energy efficiency for low-income residents
- Share lessons and best practices among networks
- Support affordable building owners in their pursuit of efficiency retrofits



COLLABORATION AMONG A DIVERSE SET OF STAKEHOLDERS IS CRITICAL TO OUR SUCCESS:

We are bringing together utilities, public utility commissions, state and local housing agencies, lenders, community organizers, policymakers, the multifamily building sector, the affordable housing community and the energy efficiency industry — so that we speak one another’s language, understand each other’s limitations and capabilities, and find the intersection of our respective goals.

If you would like to work with us, email info@EE4A.org.

ABOUT THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR ALL PROJECT

We are a partnership of organizations blending expertise in affordable housing, energy efficiency, finance, and building owner and utility engagement. We work closely to support local groups by bringing tools and resources that can help increase energy efficiency in affordable multifamily homes.

More resources and information are available, including research, materials and case studies at www.EE4A.org.



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