

# ***Energy Design Assistance Multifamily Affordable Housing Rebates***





## Help the community, save energy and earn additional funding

At Xcel Energy, we share the Minnesota Housing Financing Agency's (MHFA) desire to help meet the need for safe, affordable places to live and to build stronger communities. After working closely with MHFA, we are pleased to introduce *Multifamily Affordable Housing Rebates* as part of our *Energy Design Assistance program*. This brings a unique, whole-building approach to improving energy efficiency in new multifamily projects that qualify as affordable housing.

These rebates are designed to help you identify opportunities to build energy-efficient lighting, cooling and heating equipment into your design plan and provides valuable incentives to offset the costs. We offer free professional engineering services and financial incentives to building owners who are committed to installing a bundle of energy-efficient strategies in new construction and major renovation projects.

## A consultative approach to energy-efficient design

The *Multifamily Affordable Housing program* offers a consultative approach to uncover energy-efficient opportunities for your project. A qualified engineer will speak with your design team to review preliminary building designs. Specifically, they will discuss:

- Lighting
- Envelope
- Mechanical systems

Following the meeting we will provide you with a comprehensive plan that can improve your property, save you money and help the environment through energy conservation.

## Rebate dollars will help recover the cost of improvements

*ConservationWise from Xcel Energy<sup>SM</sup>* provides financial support for your project by offering rebates that will help offset the initial cost of increased efficiency equipment and materials. Eligible projects can earn incentives of up to \$750 per peak demand kW saved over Minnesota State Energy Code and \$4 per MCF saved.





## Eligibility:

Your project must meet the following criteria to be eligible for the program:

- Include at least five units per building
- 40 percent of building tenants must be at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income
- Preliminary building documents must be 75 percent completed and equipment bidding cannot be placed prior to the review
- Building size must be more than 15,000 square feet
- Requires installation of ENERGY STAR® appliances (when applicable)
- Requires Compact Fluorescent Lighting (CFL) in unit spaces such as kitchens, bathrooms and hallways (ENERGY STAR lighting fixtures are recommended)
- Requires installation of CFLs in common spaces

## Here's how it works:

1. To request a program application, contact the Business Solutions Center at **1-800-481-4700**.
2. After your application has been received we will contact you to request:
  - Mechanical plans and schedules
  - Electric plans and schedules
  - Contact information for the design team
  - Signed agreement
3. A qualified engineer will review the plans for energy efficiency and discuss additional opportunities with your design team.
4. Within three to four weeks you will receive a report that outlines energy efficiency opportunities and a request for your final work plan.
5. When construction is complete an engineer will visit your site for final verification. Final rebates will be based on complete measures.
6. You will receive your rebate check within 6-8 weeks of verification.

At Xcel Energy, we are proud to offer a variety of programs and services to assist builders and developers with the construction of their multifamily affordable housing developments. Our conservation rebates and energy efficiency programs provide you with opportunities to save money and build more energy-efficient buildings. For more information visit **[xcelenergy.com/rebates](http://xcelenergy.com/rebates)**.

**Getting started is easy. Call 1-800-481-4700 to get your application today!**



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