

# American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

NEW Multifamily Energy Efficiency &  
Solar Programs for HMFA Properties

2009 - 2012



# ARRA

- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act
  - Federal Stimulus package
    - Create & retain jobs
    - Loosen markets, stimulate spending in economy
    - Improve energy efficiency of new & existing infrastructure
    - Maintain transparency & accountability
  - Increases funding through existing channels including:
    - State Energy Program (SEP) – managed by the BPU’s Office of Clean Energy
    - Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) – managed by the DCA’s Office of Low-Income Energy Conservation

# ARRA Requirements

- Unprecedented emphasis on transparency
  - Expands reporting requirements on expenditures
- Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages
  - Entities receiving funds must pay their workers at the prevailing wage (includes contractors)



# EMP

- New Jersey Energy Master Plan
  - 5 Goals for New Jersey to meet the challenges of the “Business as Usual” approach to energy consumption and reduce global warming
  - New HMFA programs contribute to:
    - GOAL 1: Maximize energy conservation & efficiency
    - GOAL 3: Exceed the current RPS & achieve 30% by 2020
    - GOAL 5: Invest in clean tech and stimulate job growth

*New ARRA-funded  
Programs from HMFA*

Multifamily Energy Efficiency Improvement Pilot  
Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program  
Multifamily Solar Funding Pilot

# MEEIP

- Multifamily Energy Efficiency Improvement Pilot
  - Funded through the BPU's SEP ARRA Grant
  - Total of \$4 MM in revolving funds available
  - Low-interest Loan (2% rate, compounded annually)
  - Application on a first-come, first-served basis
  - No deadline for application, but funds are limited
  - Projects must commence construction within 60 days of the award of funds
  - All improvements complete by January 1, 2012

# MEEIP

- Program Highlights
  - Funding level based on results of energy audit and financial assessment
  - Maximum of \$500,000 per project (up to \$2000/unit)
  - Must show a projected savings of at least 15% on current utility costs
  - Participation in BPU's "Pay for Performance" program is required
    - Incentives allow more and greater depth of improvements
    - Incentives help cover the cost of the audit
  - **Cumulative** SIR for project must be 1:1 or greater

# MF WAP

- Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program
  - Funded by a grant from the DCA's ARRA WAP Grant
  - Total of \$30 MM available (not revolving)
  - Competitive, 2-Part Application
    - Part 1 – Screening
    - Part 2 – Competitive Ranking
  - Projects must commence construction within 60 days of Grant Closing
  - All improvements complete by January 1, 2012

# MF WAP

- Program Highlights
  - Competitive Application Process
    - Projects pre-screened for eligibility
    - Eligible projects selected by ranking, based on need
    - Ties broken by most cost-effective use of funds (energy savings / funds requested)
  - Funding level based on results of energy audit and financial assessment
  - Maximum of \$5000 per unit available, no upper limit on total

# MF WAP

- Program Highlights
  - Participation in BPU’s “Pay for Performance” program is required
    - Incentives cover part of the cost of improvements
    - Program Partners guide process (audit → completion)
  - Audit takes the “whole building” approach to energy savings = building-wide measures

# MF WAP

- Program Highlights
  - Eligible measures recommended by P4P Partner based on the results of an energy audit
    - Eligible measures include (but are not limited to):
      - Insulation, air sealing and weather stripping
      - Heating system improvement/replacement
  - Each **individual** measure must have an SIR greater than or equal to 1



# Multifamily Solar

- Multifamily Solar Funding Pilot
  - Funded through the BPU's SEP ARRA Grant
  - Total of \$7 MM in revolving funds available
  - No-Interest Loan (0% financing)
  - Application on a first-come, first-served basis
  - No deadline for application, but funds are limited
  - Projects must commence construction within 60 days of the award of funds
  - All improvements complete by January 1, 2012

# Multifamily Solar

- Program Highlights
  - Loan based on projected SREC production for 15 years (at a max. of \$400 per SREC)
  - Projects should leverage Federal and State incentives
    - Federal Business Energy Investment Tax Credits / Renewable Energy Grants (for-profits only)
    - NJ Renewable Energy Incentive Program (REIP, formerly CORE Program)
  - Applicant must participate in either the REIP, or the SREC-only Pilot through the BPU

Questions?



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