


Office of the City Manager

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TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Christine Daniel, City Manager 

SUBJECT: New energy-saving rebates and assistance for multifamily property owners

New rebates and free energy efficiency consulting are available to make it easier and more affordable for Bay Area multifamily property owners to conduct energy upgrades in their buildings. Office of Energy & Sustainable Development (OESD) staff contributed to the design of the program and is conducting outreach to local multifamily property owners to bring as many of the rebates as possible to Berkeley.

OESD will hold a public workshop to provide additional information to property owners. Workshop details are below. Staff encourages the Mayor and City Councilmembers to distribute information about the new rebates and assistance and the upcoming workshop to their constituents.

Workshop on Energy Efficiency Rebates and Free Consulting for Multifamily Property Owners
Tuesday, December 17, 2013; 6:00 - 7:30 pm
South Branch Library, 1901 Russell Street (at Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.)

The program is administered by a network of local governments called the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, utilizing utility ratepayer dollars. The offering is available to support multifamily residential buildings with five or more attached dwelling units. Eligible properties may earn \$750 per unit in rebates to help pay for enhancements to aging or inefficient energy systems. A 10-unit building, for example, could earn up to \$7,500 in rebates.

Saving energy reduces property owner operating costs and increases comfort and energy affordability for tenants. It is also a key component of helping Berkeley to achieve its Climate Action Plan goals.

For more information contact Timothy Burroughs at 510-981-7437. Program information is also available on the City's website at www.cityofberkeley.info/multifamily.

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