

## Better Climate Challenge – Multifamily Inaugural Partners

- **[Community Housing Partners](#)**. Community Housing Partners provides affordable and sustainable housing for 6,100 households in the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic. For 30 years, CHP has designed and built multifamily projects to meet strict green building standards with an emphasis on energy-efficient design, sustainable building practices, and reduced utility costs for residents. Through the Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future's (SAHF's) Big Reach Initiative, CHP and its peers achieved 29% energy savings and 24% water savings since 2010. CHP's Green Team hopes to build on this success by setting an organizational vision to be a sustainable net-zero company by 2050. In 2013 CHP joined the Multifamily Better Buildings Challenge to improve the energy efficiency of its multifamily portfolio by at least 20% over 10 years.
- **[Foundation Communities](#)**. Foundation Communities is an Austin-based non-profit that has committed to a 50% reduction in GHG emissions across their 3,200-unit, 2.9 million-square-foot portfolio over 10 years. The organization employs deep green building strategies and sustainable operations and maintenance policies that focus on energy and water conservation, healthy indoor air, and waste reduction. Many of FC's properties are LEED certified and hold Austin Energy Green Building 5-star ratings. Since 2014, they have more than doubled their solar capacity and now have 1.5 Megawatts installed across 15 properties.
- **[Homeowner's Rehab](#)**. Homeowner's Rehab, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit housing developer focused on developing and preserving affordable in Cambridge, Massachusetts. HRI has committed their 1.3 million square foot portfolio, with almost 1,400 units to the Better Climate Challenge goal of a 5% reduction in carbon emissions over 10 years. HRI believes that it is the responsibility of affordable housing developers to reduce their carbon footprint. HRI works to address this issue throughout the construction and renovation process as well as building operations so that families can enjoy healthy, energy-efficient homes that help preserve the local environment and the planet.
- **[King County Housing Authority \(KCHA\)](#)**. KCHA provides rental housing and rental assistance to more than 18,000 individuals and families in King County, Washington. KCHA transforms distressed communities through well-designed, higher density, mixed-income housing that utilizes energy and water-saving technologies. KCHA has committed to further reducing its energy use by committing to at least 50 percent emissions reduction through deep energy-saving retrofits, electrification, heating efficiency upgrades, and use of clean electricity sources. In addition to their BCC commitment, KCHA has also established an internal 5-year goal to reduce the portfolio's Energy Use Intensity (EUI) by 10% through continuous energy-saving building upgrades, resident engagement initiatives and direct Installs of energy saving products across their housing portfolio.
- **[Seattle Housing Authority \(SHA\)](#)**. SHA provides long-term, low-income rental housing and rental assistance to more than 37,000 people in Seattle, Washington. SHA has a long history of investing in energy efficiency, water conservation and construction of some of green affordable housing. In 2019, SHA committed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil gases in existing buildings by 15, reduce fleet vehicle idling by 50%, electrify 100% of its passenger vehicle fleet and double on-site solar energy generation - all by 2025. These commitments have spurred new investments in lighting replacements, energy recovery ventilation, high efficiency condensing boilers, solar power and CO2 heat pump water heaters.

- **[Standard Communities](#)**. Standard Communities is one of the 50 largest affordable housing owners in the nation, including the largest tax-exempt bond and LIHTC financed affordable housing transactions in Illinois, California and Washington DC. They have committed its portfolio of 8.3 million square feet to the Climate Challenge. Previous sustainability successes include the largest rooftop community solar system in D.C. at Fort Chaplin Park Apartments. This project spans 45 buildings, will generate more than 1.5 million kWh of energy annually – saving low-income residents up to \$500 per year on their electric bills. Standard will benchmark all properties and monitor energy use, implement financially feasible energy reduction measures, improve operations and maintenance, conduct resident engagement, and utilize renewable energy to meet both Better Buildings and Climate Challenge goals.
- **[Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation \(TNDC\)](#)**. TNDC serves 4,100 low-income tenants in San Francisco, across 44 buildings with 14 additional buildings under development. It is a Better Buildings Challenge Goal Achiever after achieving 20% energy savings and 20% water savings across their portfolio. They are currently members of the Better Buildings Low Carbon Pilot and Water Savings Network. By 2031, TNDC seeks to cut its environmental footprint in half through the Better Climate Challenge. Currently, 52% of their buildings have rooftop Solar PV or Solar Thermal systems and all of their building’s common areas operate on 100% renewable energy through CleanPowerSF.