

Multifamily Housing Notice 09-09

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To: Developers, Sponsors and Local Housing Contacts

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New Energy Efficiency Grant Program Opened

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) is announcing the opening of the Multifamily Energy Efficiency and Housing Affordability (MEEHA) Program. DHCD will provide MEEHA grants for the purchase and installation of energy efficiency improvements and/or renewable energy improvements for existing and proposed multifamily rental housing developments. Learn more:

http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/Website/home/whatsnew_detail.aspx?newsID=232

MEEHA grants may be used to pay for energy efficiency items included in the DHCD Development Quality Standards, including, but not limited to, Energy Star qualified: HVAC systems, insulation, windows, draft stopping and duct sealing, appliances and fixtures, and renewable energy generation and water heating equipment. The maximum MEEHA grant is \$500,000 per project or \$2,500 per rental housing unit, whichever is less. Priority in awarding grants will be given to projects that have received or are in the pipeline to receive funding, with all funds needing to be expended by April 2012. For more information click here:

<http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/Website/programs/MEEHA/MEEHA.aspx>

MacArthur Preservation Initiative Website Now On-Line

Information about the Department's MacArthur Preservation Initiative can be found at our new webpage. DHCD was awarded funding from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation earlier this year to help preserve affordable rental housing in eight (8) counties (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Prince George's and St. Mary's) which are located in the path of growth brought on by the federal Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, which will bring over 25,000 new households to the region beginning in 2011. The webpage outlines the five components of the Preservation Initiative, including the Preservation Loan Fund, an affordable rental housing database, outreach and education efforts, a preservation compact, and Green Grant funding for energy audits and LEED training. For more information click here:

<http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/Website/programs/McArthur/McArth.aspx>

DHCD to Host LEED Group Training

The MacArthur Preservation Initiative's Green Grant Program will fund group training with the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program. The Department is putting together a full-day group training session for those interested in

obtaining their LEED Green Associate certification. Training will cover the essential core knowledge that is fundamental to all LEED rating systems, and will help prepare attendants for their exam. Training will be open to owners, developers, property managers or employees of an affordable rental housing development located in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Prince George's, or Saint Mary's Counties, as well as employees of those counties, with the recommendation of the respective County Housing Department. For more information please contact Matt Schmid at schmid@mdhousing.org, or at 410-514-7459.

DHCD is also now offering several **free training** seminars on the International Code Council's National Green Building Standards. This will provide training on how to build green and relate it to the existing building codes. [Register for a seminar ...](#)

Please remember that we are announcing future round deadlines, significant application changes, bond program amendments, and other key dates and facts on our web site and by email only. Please make sure that we have your current email address. Please send any additions or corrections to taxcredits@mdhousing.org or rentalhousing@mdhousing.org as soon as possible.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the multifamily housing programs in Maryland.

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