

An aerial photograph of a city, likely New York City, showing a dense urban landscape. In the foreground, several multi-story brick buildings are visible, with their flat roofs covered in rows of solar panels. The buildings are surrounded by trees and a street with cars. In the background, the city skyline is visible, featuring numerous skyscrapers under a clear blue sky. A semi-transparent blue box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing white text.

How Affordable Housing Can Prepare for Climate Funding

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The Vision: Abundant Sustainable Affordable Housing + Jobs

All new multifamily affordable housing construction **100% electric with a Passive House** baseline by 2030.

Retrofit and electrify at least 10% of existing affordable housing units by 2030; 50% by 2040, and 100% by 2050.

Equitable electricity rates critical for a just transition and widespread adoption

Access to trainings and advancement opportunities for **good paying green jobs**



L to R: (1) HRI's Finch Cambridge, one of the first Passive House certified affordable housing communities in Massachusetts (Image: HRI). (2) POAH's Salem Heights Apartments, one of the first affordable housing deep energy retrofits in Massachusetts (Image: LISC). (3) NOAH flips the switch on its new solar PV array at Coppersmith Village (Image: Resonant Energy). (4) Graduates of the first Bridges to Green Jobs weatherization technician training in Lawrence 2024 (Image: LISC).

LISC and Coalition Partners Awarded \$2 Billion via National Clean Investment Fund



LISC is proud to be one of five national organizations leading [Power Forward Communities](#), a new coalition investing in green housing and jobs to support economic opportunity and climate resilience. The EPA awarded the coalition \$2 billion to implement a decarbonization strategy that also lifts up under-resourced communities—making housing more affordable, mitigating climate impacts, and improving local health.

This is an exciting development that will bring significant scale and resources to LISC Massachusetts's existing [Green Homes](#) and [Green Jobs](#) initiatives. LISC Massachusetts is well prepared and positioned to take advantage of this historic investment in climate action due to our longstanding work supporting equitable building decarbonization across Massachusetts.

- Visit powerforwardcommunities.org to learn more about our partners and how to get involved.
- [FAQ about the Power Forward Communities Coalition \[+\]](#)
- [Press Release \[+\]](#)

How To Prepare for Climate Funding

1. Plan high-performance new construction.

- Passive House?
- Specialized code?
- All-electric?
- On-site clean energy systems?
- Enterprise Green Communities?
- Low-embodied carbon materials

2. Review existing portfolio for decarbonization opportunities.

- Which properties are highest energy users?
- Which properties are approaching refinance/rehab?
- Have you completed a portfolio-wide solar analysis?

3. Complete building decarbonization assessments ASAP.

- Our [Decarb Hub \(www.lisc.org/decarbhub\)](http://www.lisc.org/decarbhub) lists technical expertise and funding available for building decarbonization projects.
- DOER's Affordable Housing Decarb Technical Assistance (Q4 2024 - Q1 2025)

4. Apply to decarbonization funding sources.

- [LEAN Deep Energy Retrofit Incentives](#) (rolling)
- [HUD GRRP](#) if eligible (by 7/31/24)
- DOER's Affordable Housing Decarb Program + HER/HEAR Rebates (Q4 2024 - Q1 2025)
- GGRF funding - NCIF, CCIA, SFA (Q4 2024 - Q1 2025)
- [Climate Ready Housing](#) (Q1 2025)

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