

LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM FOR MULTIFAMILY PROPERTIES FARMWORKER HOUSING FACT SHEET

ABOUT FARMWORKER HOUSING

Since its launch in 2016, the California Low-Income Weatherization Program for Multifamily Properties (LIWP-Multifamily) has already proven to benefit low-income farmworker families in California. Through the installation of solar photovoltaic (PV) systems, solar hot water heating systems and energy efficiency measures in Disadvantaged Communities (DAC), LIWP-Multifamily helps reduce utility bills for low-income households. Participating rural families can keep more of their hard-earned wages to spend on other necessities like food, health, and education.

LIWP-Multifamily has retrofitted 577 homes at nine properties where the majority of units are for households employed in agriculture. At [Casa de la Viña by Self-Help Enterprises](#), efficiency upgrades and solar PV are projected to reduce residents' utility costs to Zero Net Energy levels.

Creating a Farmworker Housing carveout for these underserved communities would increase participation in LIWP energy programs in rural communities across California where farmworker families reside.

IMPACTS TO DATE

**metrics are projected over 15 years*

\$5.8M

utility cost savings at
farmworker properties*

60K

Metric tons CO₂e
reduced*

33M

kWh savings for
solar installations
and EE upgrades*

565K

therm savings*

577

low-income
households
served

\$4.2M

EE and PV
Incentives

55%

average
reduction in
energy use

100%

properties
located in DACs



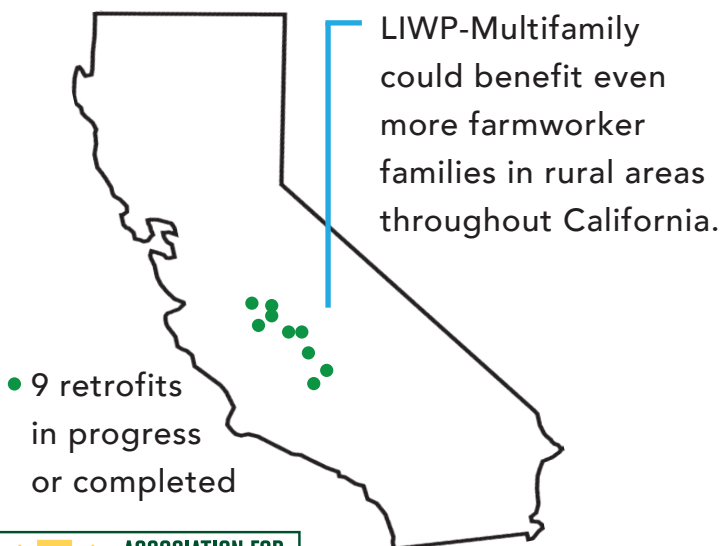
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LIWP-Multifamily has already identified additional properties with 1,800 farmworker homes and could reserve \$5 million by May 2018 to increase energy retrofits in rural communities above current levels.

PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY FOR FARMWORKER HOUSING CARVEOUT

- Properties that have participated in the Joe Serna, Jr., Farmworker Housing Grant Program, the TCAC Farmworker Housing Assistance Program, or USDA 515 and 516 Programs, or
- Properties with at least 60% of units occupied by households that derive a portion of their income from agriculture employment and households with farmworker retirees.
- Participants must have regulatory covenants to maintain affordability of low-income units for at least 15 years, or agree to an Affordability Covenant for a 15 year term, and
- Properties must provide solar PV benefits to tenants, where feasible.



- 9 retrofits in progress or completed



STRATEGIES TO EXPAND PARTICIPATION THROUGH FARMWORKER HOUSING:

- Target outreach to organizations that preserve and create farmworker housing to increase geographic diversity.
- Coordinate with state agencies and USDA to expand existing list of farmworker properties.
- Explore coordination opportunities with other cap-and-trade funded programs that serve farmworkers.