

Case Study

HOME ENERGY SAVINGS MULTIFAMILY CASE STUDY

Pacific Power helps Valle Lindo Homes become model of efficiency

New multifamily property opens its doors to serious energy savings



Walla Walla Housing Authority's Renee Rooker and Pacific Power community manager Bill Clemens outside Valle Lindo Homes.

At a glance

Valle Lindo Homes

Walla Walla, Washington

Number of units: 60

Features:

- ENERGY STAR® certified units
- LED lighting
- ENERGY STAR appliances
- High-efficiency heat pumps
- Ultra-efficient exhaust fans

Incentive amount: **\$60,000**

When the Walla Walla Housing Authority began preparations for its newest multifamily property, two main objectives came into focus: to provide quality housing for local farm workers and their families, and to make the property as energy-efficient as possible.

A fruitful partnership

Working with Pacific Power's Home Energy Savings program, the Housing Authority was able to seamlessly incorporate high-efficiency features into the project, with \$60,000 in program incentives helping to offset the installation costs. The result is Valle Lindo Homes, a 60-unit complex that now stands in the community as a prime example of green building at its best.

Key to the project's success was the partnership between the Housing Authority and Pacific Power. The utility's Home Energy Savings program offers incentives for energy-efficient home improvements and new construction. In the case of multifamily properties like Valle Lindo Homes, that means lower energy consumption for each and every unit. The program also provides lists of qualified trade allies to perform the installations, and works with them to ensure the project meets incentive requirements.

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Multifamily Sales Piece

What to expect when applying for Home Energy Savings incentives

Properties featuring five or more attached units are eligible for Home Energy Savings incentives. Energy-efficient installations require a lot of coordination and interactions with property managers and tenants. Our process has been designed to minimize intrusions, but everyone involved should be aware of the various steps so there are no surprises.

Multifamily incentive application process



Step 2: Contractor completes energy upgrades

The contractor will perform the necessary work for the project to qualify for an incentive. Consult with your contractor to get a clear understanding of the work being performed and how long it will take. Also, please notify your tenants.

Step 3: Application is submitted

- Once the work is completed, the contractor submits an application to the Home Energy Savings program.
- All units listed on the application must be verified on the landlord account (units may need to be added if they are not under the landlord account at time of review).
- Applications cannot be processed if any required documentation is missing.
- A completed W-9 form must be submitted along with the application for tax purposes. For changes to account name, contact Business Solutions at 1-866-870-3419.
- The property is then queued for a post-work inspection.

Step 4: Post-work inspection

- A minimum of 25 percent of the units that received an energy efficiency upgrade must be inspected to ensure all program requirements are met.
- Tenants should be notified of this post-work inspection beforehand.

Step 5: Application is processed and check is mailed

Checks will be issued for approved applications within 4-6 weeks of final processing.

Get in touch

Please contact us for more information on this process and available Home Energy Savings incentives.

Get started: 1-800-942-0281
 HESTradeAllyPP@pacificpower.net
 Rate schedule: 1-888-221-7070
 Business Solutions: 1-866-870-3419
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An energy-efficient roadmap for multifamily properties

Set your course for greater efficiency with Home Energy Savings incentives.



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Press Release

Pacific Power, Walla Walla Housing Authority team up to provide affordable, energy-efficient housing for local farm workers

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Working with Pacific Power's Home Energy Savings program, the Housing Authority was able to seamlessly incorporate high-efficiency features into the \$9.5 million project with \$60,000 in program incentives helping to offset the upfront costs. The result is Valle Lindo Homes, a 60-unit complex which opened its doors in late 2011 and now stands in the community as a prime example of green building at its best.

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With Zeck Butler Architects and Walker Construction heading up the project, Apollo Heating and Air Conditioning came on board to handle the energy-efficient aspects of the property. Apollo is a qualified trade ally in the Home Energy Savings program,

which means it has the knowledge and experience to perform topquality installations featuring the latest high-efficiency technology.

"One of our specialties is multi-family new construction," said Apollo's Doug Jones. "When you combine that aspect of green building and energy conservation to this type of work, with our experience, it becomes extremely advantageous to everyone involved. It's also a great feeling to know the building will save so much more energy compared to standard construction buildings."

Valle Lindo Homes, located near Stateline in rural Walla Walla County, features a variety of high-efficiency components including variable speed air handlers, ultra-efficient exhaust fans, LED lighting and ENERGY STAR® appliances. Pacific Power's cash incentives make installations like these easy and affordable for multi-family properties. And according to Jones, the whole process was extremely smooth.

"In our opinion, this was one of the most successful energy efficiency strategies we've been a part of. And the incentive process was fast, seamless and fluid," he said.

Thanks to the committed efforts of all involved, tenants at Valle Lindo Homes are set up to experience a high level of comfort and significant energy savings in their new homes. That's a promising outlook, and it's one of many reasons why more and more multi-family properties are making energy efficiency a top priority.

The Home Energy Savings program from Pacific Power offers cash incentives for customers who make energy-efficient home improvements or purchase high-efficiency products and services. By making simple upgrades, customers can reduce monthly energy bills while making the most effective use of resources. To learn more about Home Energy Savings and other wattsmart programs, please visit pacificpower.net/wattsmart or call toll free 1-800-942-0266.