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### Biden-Harris Administration Announces \$173 Million to Make Homes More Energy Efficient and Climate Resilient for Low-Income Americans as Part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda

Over half of Green and Resilient Retrofit Program funding has now been awarded to combat the climate crisis, advance environmental justice, and improve lives for residents in HUD-supported housing.

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today announced \$173.8 million in new grant and loan awards under its Green and Resilient Retrofit
Program (GRRP), bringing the total funding awarded under this program to a total of \$544 million, or more than 50 percent of funding being awarded through this program. The announcement was made today by HUD Acting Secretary Adrianne Todman and Chicago
Mayor Brandon Johnson at Archer Courts in Chicago, IL, which was awarded an \$11.76 million grant under the program. The funds will be used by owner Jonathan Rose Companies for substantial energy efficiency renovations at this 146-unit property, which is home to low-income individuals and families.

The grants and loans announced today as part of President Biden's Investing in America agenda will support energy efficiency and climate resilience renovations at 25 properties participating in HUD's Multifamily project-based rental assistance programs for low-income individuals, families, and seniors. All of the investments announced today will advance environmental justice in line with President Biden's **Justice40** Initiative which sets a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits of certain federal investments flow to disadvantaged communities that are marginalized by underinvestment and overburdened by pollution. Retrofitting these homes will reduce their carbon emissions, make them more resilient to extreme weather events, and advance the President's housing and clean energy agenda, ensuring affordable housing stays affordable for residents and building owners across the nation. Today's awards include the first GRRP retrofit awards for properties located in the states of Colorado, Florida, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oregon, and Washington.

"The Green and Resilient Retrofit Program is designed to improve the health, safety, quality and

comfo Website Feedback sustai d to ensure HUD-assisted multifamily housing becomes more etary Adrianne Todman. "The Biden-Harris Administration is committed to addressing the negative impacts of climate change and HUD's programs are an important part of this work."

"Far too many Americans struggle to stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer," **said John Podesta, Senior Advisor to the President for International Climate Policy**. "Today's awards from the Department of Housing and Urban Development will boost the quality of life for thousands of moderate- and low-income American families by making their homes safer and more comfortable."

"President Biden's Investing in America agenda has accelerated our efforts to deliver environmental justice for communities that have been left behind for too long. As part of the President's Justice40 Initiative, every single grant awarded under this program is delivering safe and climate resilient housing for residents most in need, including many that are at risk for damage from flooding and other climate fueled-extreme weather events," **said Brenda Mallory, Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality**.

The GRRP Comprehensive awards provide funding to properties with the highest need for climate resilience and utility efficiency upgrades. The 25 properties receiving Comprehensive awards today represent a mix of property sizes, affordable housing program participation, and energy efficiency and climate resilience needs. Eight are properties participating in the HUD Section 202 project-based rental assistance program for low-income seniors and 17 are properties participating in the HUD Section 8 project-based rental assistance program for low-income seniors and 17 are properties participating in the HUD Section 8 project-based rental assistance program for low-income individuals and families. One property has more than 200 units, 17 properties have between 51-200 units, and seven properties have 50 or fewer units. Five properties have very high need for energy efficiency improvements and 14 properties have very high climate risks which include the risk of significant damage and disruption to residents from climate and extreme weather hazards, such as extreme heat, hurricanes, flooding, and other catastrophic storm events. View the full list of grantees here.

"The power of the Green and Resilient Retrofit Program to transform properties and the lives of low-income families is underscored by the variety of applications we continue to receive for energy efficiency and climate resilience projects," **said Assistant Secretary for Housing Julia Gordon**. "Today's announcement reinforces this Administration's dual commitment to addressing climate challenges and providing safer and healthier homes for low-income families and seniors."

President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act-the largest climate investment in history-established the GRRP in 2022 to fund energy efficiency and resiliency improvements for HUD's assisted rental portfolio.

### FACT SHEET: Green and Resilient Retrofit Program Progress to Date

- GRRP is the first HUD program to simultaneously invest in energy efficiency, renewable energy generation, climate resilience, and low-embodied-carbon materials in HUD-assisted multifamily housing. All of the investments under the GRRP will be made in affordable housing communities serving low-income families, directly benefiting HUD-assisted housing, in alignment with the **Justice40 Initiative**.
- At the 50 percent mark of planned award funding being distributed to 109 properties and resulting website Feedback planned award funding being distributed to 109 properties and results are set to make them greener, healthier, and safer for low-income

households, seniors, and persons with disabilities. The projects span the range from targeted upgrades to major net-zero renovation for properties in 38 states and the District of Columbia

- As of March 28, 2024, HUD has awarded \$544.4 million in grants and surplus cash loans under the GRRP; \$240.1 million in grants and \$304.3 million in surplus cash loans.
- Of the awardees receiving grants and loans in six rounds of funding, 87 are properties receiving Multifamily Section 8 project-based rental assistance, 21 properties are receiving Section 202 project-based rental assistance for low-income seniors, and one is receiving Section 811 project-based rental assistance for low-income persons with disabilities.
- GRRP funding is being used for insulation, energy efficient windows and doors, heatresistant roofs, energy efficient heating and cooling, resiliency measures and other improvements.
- GRRP is designed to work for properties of all sizes, and with a range of energy efficiency and climate resilience needs. Almost 20 properties receiving grant and loan awards have fewer than 50 units, some 70 properties have between 50 and 100 units, while 15 have more than 200 units.
- More than 700 properties have also signed up for HUD's free energy and water benchmarking service, funded with more than \$40 million from the President's Inflation Reduction Act, so that HUD-assisted housing property owners can better understand the energy and water consumption at their properties in relation to other similar properties. This benchmarking information can in turn be used to assess energy efficiency and water conservation upgrades that can be funded under the GRRP.

# Green and Resilient Retrofit Program Background Detail

The GRRP Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) and additional guidance detail the multiple funding options for which property owners may apply:

- **Elements** provides funding to owners for proven and meaningful climate resilience and utility efficiency measures in projects that are already in the process of being recapitalized.
- Leading Edge provides funding to owners with plans for ambitious retrofit activities to achieve zero energy retrofits and an advanced green certification.
- **Comprehensive** provides funding to properties with the highest need for climate resilience and utility efficiency upgrades, regardless of prior development or environmental retrofit experience.

## Green and Resilient Retrofit Program Comprehensive Round Two Awards March 28, 2024

	Awardee	City	State	Property Name	Award
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Sterling Senior Housing	Bellingham	WA	Sterling Senior Housing	\$1,680,000
Woodlands Barkley, LLC	Loch Sheldrake	NY	Lake View Apartments	\$4,720,000
2242 Archer Courts, LLC	Chicago	IL	Archer Courts	\$11,760,000
POAH Austin Renaissance, LLC	Chicago	IL	Austin Renaissance Apartments	\$5,680,000
Trinity Woods, Inc.	Emporia	VA	Trinity Woods	\$5,680,000
Broadmeadow Affordable LLC	Covington	TN	Broadmeadow Apartments	\$11,840,000
Pleasant Valley Southview Apartments, LP	Dickinson	ND	Southview II	\$1,280,000
Lewis Mall Apartments, Inc.	East Boston	MA	Lewis Mall Apartments	\$3,760,000
St. Monica Gardens, Inc.	Miami Gardens	FL	St. Monica Gardens	\$6,720,000
United Church Residences of Greenwood, Mississippi, Inc.	Greenwood	MS	Cottonwood Glen	\$3,200,000
Happy Harbor Senior Housing	La Porte	TX	Happy Harbor Senior Housing (a.k.a. MRC La Porte Communities)	\$4,080,000
Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA)	Lancaster	CA	Lancaster Homes Apartments	\$9,600,000
National Church Residences of Clinton, NC, Inc.	Clinton	NC	Clinton Crossing	\$2,560,000
St. Joseph Towers, Inc.	Lauderdale Lakes	FL	St. Joseph Towers	\$8,640,000
Wesley Stage Park, Inc.	Memphis	TN	Wesley Stage Park	\$5,280,000
Magnolia Gardens, Inc Website Feedback	Suffolk	VA	Magnolia Gardens	\$5,440,000

Triborough Preservation LLC	New York	NY	Triborough Preservation	\$20,000,000
St. Joseph Haitian Mission Manor, Inc.	Pompano Beach	FL	St. Joseph Haitian Mission Manor	\$4,960,000
Oak Associates Limited Partnership	Portland	OR	The Oak (333 Oak)	\$7,200,000
Lion's Community Service Corporation	San Diego	CA	Lions Community Manor	\$10,480,000
Highland Meadows Associates, L.P.	Carthage	МО	Highland Meadows	\$3,520,000
Northeast Plaza Partners, RLLLP	Sterling	СО	Northeast Plaza Apartments	\$3,760,000
Preservation Square V, LP	St. Louis	МО	O'Fallon Place 1A (dba Preservation Square)	\$16,000,000
Town North Affordable LLC	Texarkana	TX	Town North Apartments	\$8,000,000
Colony Retirement Homes III, Inc.	Worcester	MA	Colony Retirement Homes III	\$8,000,000

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