

## Multifamily Buildings/Solar Energy: May 2018 American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Report



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The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (“ACEEE”) issued a May 2018 report titled:

*Our Powers Combined: Energy Efficiency in Solar and Affordable Multifamily Buildings (“Report”)*

The *Report* expresses concerns that many low-income individuals and families are finding it increasingly difficult to rent apartments.

The *Report* concludes that energy efficiency and solar energy can assist in saving affordable multifamily housing. This is stated to be demonstrated by:

- Building owners combining energy efficiency upgrades in rooftop solar systems through energy use/lower energy bills
- Utilization of upgrades enabling housing providers to devote more resources to preserving and expanding affordable housing

The authors of the *Report* are Stefen Samarripas and Dan York.

The *Report* addresses what is characterized as an absence of information about how affordable multifamily building owners and developers approach the integration of efficiency in solar resources in a building. Information in the Report was generated by interviews which included:

- Program Administrators
- Affordable Housing Providers
- Lenders

These individuals are stated to have taken part in projects involving both efficiency upgrades and rooftop solar installations in affordable multifamily buildings. Topics addressed included:

- Planning
- Goals
- Funding Sources
- Lessons Learned

Four organizations described as having a success in integrating energy efficiency and solar resources in affordable multifamily properties are profiled.

[A link to the Report can be found here.](#)