

2018 Better Buildings Summit Multifamily Sessions

Tuesday, August 21st

Time	Session Title	Room #	Session Description
2:00pm – 5:30pm	Multifamily Building Tour	TBD	The Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority will showcase different sites, each demonstrating CMHA’s sustainability mission and how strategic investment and partnerships can enhance community efforts. Attendees will see the CMHA Solar Field & Urban Agriculture/Employee Gardening Program, a LEED Silver Certified CMHA Campus, and Multifamily Estate Heritage View.
2:00pm- 5:30pm	Ask-an-Expert Lounge	Exhibit Hall	Technical experts from national laboratories and the Department of Energy, whose expertise span a wide range of efficiency topics, are available to answer questions and discuss energy performance trends in technology, process, data, and tools. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask about emerging technologies, discuss strategies from their respective fields, and learn how to better approach projects within their own organizations.

Wednesday, August 22nd

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8:30am- 10:00am	Multifamily Meet-Up Part 1	13	Multifamily Partners are invited to attend our Sector Meet-Up, a chance to recount the past year’s accomplishments, recognize your progress as well as this year’s multifamily sector goal achiever, and share strategies for making the multifamily sector more fiscally and environmentally sustainable. Speakers will include Crystal Bergemann (HUD), Caitlin Rood (Mercy Housing), Becky Schaaf (Stewards of Affordable Housing for the Future), and Stephen Cea (Jersey City Housing Authority).
10:30am– 12:00pm	Multifamily Meet-Up Part 2	13	In Part 2 of this session, sector partners will share best practices in energy and water conservation planning. We’ll learn about finding financing solutions for energy efficiency projects through the Better Buildings Financing Navigator 2.0, and we’ll look ahead to next year, working to make the multifamily sector more fiscally and environmentally sustainable. Speakers will include Peter Lewis (Schochet Companies), Holt Mountcastle (ReTech Advisors), and Ruchi Shah (Tenderloin Neighborhood Development Corporation).
12:00pm – 2:00pm	Keynote Address/lunch		
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2:00pm- 3:30pm	Resilience Roundtable	21	The Resilience Roundtable will focus on the federal, state and city level approaches to implementing resilience.

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6:00pm – 7:30pm	Reception		

Thursday, August 23rd

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8:30am – 10:00am	From the Bottom to the Top: Institutionalizing Efficiency in Multifamily Organizations	14	Achieving significant, portfolio-wide reductions in energy and water consumption requires strategic vision from the top that is institutionalized at every level of an organization. It also often requires different units - finance, operations and maintenance, property management - to find new and more efficient ways to work together. This session will feature innovations and best practices used by multifamily partners to manage their organizational efforts to meet their energy efficiency goals. Speakers will discuss how they secured buy-in for the economic and social value of meeting their Better Buildings Challenge commitments and how they converted that support into tangible progress.
10:30am-12:00pm	Getting a Running Start: Tools to Build Capacity for Measurable Progress	14	Multifamily partners have been taking advantage of various fellowship programs to add temporary capacity that can create the foundation for improved outcomes down the road, including EDF Climate Corps, Rose Architectural Fellowship, and CivicSpark Fellows. Hear from partners and their fellows as they discuss how organizations used this staffing tool to change the trajectory of their portfolios' performance.
2:00pm-3:30pm	Risky Business: New Tools for Addressing Disaster Risk in Multifamily Housing	14	A recent spate of new disaster resilience and recovery tools reinforces the importance of assessing the vulnerability of U.S. housing stock to the effects of a changing climate. These include Enterprise Community Partners' new Multifamily Building Resilience Manual, New Ecology's Multifamily Building Resilience Audit, and many other resources developed by the federal government. Come hear disaster resilience experts and practitioners discuss why these tools are needed and how to use them to assess and ultimately reduce your portfolio's disaster risk.
4:00pm-5:00pm	Building Futures: Providing Sustainable Career Pathways for Residents	14	Finding ways to get residents engaged in the workforce is a perennial topic of discussion for affordable multifamily housing providers. The Building Futures Initiative (formerly known as the SEED Initiative) is a pilot exploring how housing providers can provide unemployed and underemployed residents with the comprehensive support they need to advance careers in construction and building performance. There are two key components: partnering more closely and effectively with local workforce development boards, technical colleges, and other stakeholders; and leveraging providers' assets more effectively. Speakers will discuss their experiences using these levers to provide residents with comprehensive career development support.

Both the Summit and the Energy Exchange have many additional sessions throughout the week with content relevant to the multifamily sector. Please consult the [full agenda and schedule](#) for more information.