



Local Governments Empowering Our Communities

CREATING A GREENER BAY AREA

WHAT WE DO

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is a coalition of the Bay Area's nine counties — a network of local governments and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) partnering to promote energy, water and greenhouse gas reduction for residents, small businesses and local governments.

Empower

Starting in 2024, BayREN will offer 10 programs, including four new additions. A significant 60% of the forthcoming four-year budget of \$171 million will be allocated to enhance equity initiatives for underserved residents. This allocation underscores BayREN's dedication to prioritizing climate action for local communities.

Serve

BayREN serves the Bay Area with three priorities:

- Promote **healthy and energy efficient buildings** for residents and businesses;
- **Build capacity** for local governments to increase their impact;
- **Reduce carbon emissions** by catalyzing regional activities.

ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

BayREN has been serving the Bay Area since 2013.

156 million
tons of
carbon
avoided



64 thousand
housing units
upgraded



12,777 jobs
created



\$66 million
incentives
awarded



Participating Counties

BayREN supports the 9 Counties in the Bay Area:

- Alameda
- Contra Costa
- Marin
- Napa
- San Francisco
- San Mateo
- Santa Clara
- Solano
- Sonoma

PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Starting in 2024, BayREN will offer 10 new and existing programs spanning four sectors: residential, cross-cutting, commercial, and the public sector.

Residential

The **Single Family Home+** program serves hard-to-reach and underserved households to promote resilience, health, comfort, safety, energy affordability, and/or energy savings.

The **Bay Area Multifamily Building Enhancements (BAMBE)** program seeks to remove obstacles for improving multifamily buildings, promoting energy savings, and enhancing resident well-being. It frequently assists owners and property managers of older housing stock with upgrades and technical support.

The **Green Labeling** program oversees the Home Energy Score (HES) offering, providing residents with insights into their home's efficiency potential prior to undertaking home upgrade projects. BayREN has been approved to launch HES statewide. The program also provides training and resources for real estate professionals to become green home experts.

Cross Cutting

The **Water Upgrades Save** program helps homeowners and renters install water and energy efficiency upgrades. The program is only available in participating jurisdictions. Visit waterupgradessave.org to see if the program is available in your area.

NEW! The **Climate Careers** program will create job training opportunities in the green economy. Through an existing partnership with Rising Sun Center for Opportunity, BayREN has supported youth with training and employment opportunities since 2019.

The **Codes & Standards** program supports local governments with developing, adopting, and implementing energy policies, including reach codes and the California Energy Code.

Commercial

The **BayREN Business** program supports local small, hard-to-reach businesses through energy efficiency projects to save energy and money.

NEW! The **BayREN Refrigerant Replacement (BRRR)** program aims to replace environmentally harmful refrigerants with eco-friendlier options at low-to-no cost to food service sector businesses.

Public Sector

NEW! The **Integrated Energy Services (IES)** program will assist local governments and special districts with finding and applying for funds to help improve their public buildings and will also provide a service to develop roadmaps for public building energy improvements.

NEW! The **Targeted Decarbonization Services (TDS)** program will include a Decarbonization Showcase and will provide training and resources related to new equipment and technologies for decarbonizing public buildings.

