

Austin renters in duplex, triplex and small multifamily units are being left out of Austin Energy's energy efficiency programs by and large.

The incentives offered by Austin Energy for multifamily rentals of 4 units or fewer, including duplex and triplex units (unless they are in a complex of units) fall under the **residential** Power Saver incentives and are insufficient to motivate property owners to make energy efficiency upgrades.

Most residential upgrades are limited to \$2,000 which usually covers 28% of the upgrade (which would be around \$8,000.)

Multifamily upgrades can receive rebates at up to 80% of the cost and are much more likely to be used.

Recommend additional language to Task Force Plan:

P. 21, 4th paragraph, last sentence

“Specifically the air conditioner rebate and other programs need to be restructured to promote the highest equipment efficiency levels, **upgrades to small rental units and duplexes need to be better incentivized**, and the Energy Conservation Audit Disclosure Ordinance should be fully enforced and amended if needed.”

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