

Enterprise is a national nonprofit dedicated to ending housing insecurity, meaning no more homelessness and no more families paying more than half of their income on rent. To achieve this goal, we invest capital to create and preserve quality affordable homes for low- and moderate-income people. As a social enterprise, we reinvest revenues to develop programmatic solutions in coordination with public and private partners and scale these solutions through policy change.

## The Benefits of Green for Low-Income Communities

Low-income communities are disproportionately impacted by high utility costs, poor quality housing and the negative impacts of climate change. Creating green, healthy and resilient housing is crucial for low-income families and offers a wide range of benefits for communities:

**Economic** - Energy and water efficiencies lead to real dollar savings to residents and affordable housing owners and reduce operating and repair costs over time.

**Health** - Healthy building practices lead to improved human health outcomes, including fewer asthma-related hospital visits for children.

**Environmental** - Efficient building operations reduce energy usage, resulting in fewer carbon emissions. Additionally, climate resilience measures help to ensure the preservation of affordable housing.

## Our Approach

### Supporting Housing Providers

Enterprise supports housing providers in achieving efficient, healthy and resilient building design through our trainings and financing.

### Catalyzing Innovation

Enterprise continues to be at the forefront of innovating capital and technical solutions at the building, organizational and community scale, including retrofit financing, integrated health and resilience.

### Policy and Advocacy

Our aim is to ensure that the benefits of green building are extended to affordable housing. Enterprise works in coalition with other advocacy organizations and provides informed analysis and recommendations to city and state agencies.



CAMBA Gardens, Brooklyn, NY

## Greening All Affordable Housing

Through two signature approaches, Enterprise is well on its way to achieving our goal of greening all affordable housing in NYC.

The **Enterprise Green Communities Criteria** is the standard for green and healthy design nationwide. We support development teams in achieving this standard and in sustaining its benefits by coordinating trainings and creating and disseminating tools. In New York, more than 33,000 homes have been certified or are in the process of getting certified.

We are a financing partner to the city on the **Green Housing Preservation Program**, which provides low-cost financing for moderate rehabilitation to improve cash flow and preserve the health, safety and affordability of housing properties.

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