

ILFI'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

WHAT IS ILFI'S AFFORDABLE HOUSING COHORT?

- A supportive peer engagement network to provide additional information, technical assistance, and peer-to-peer exchange of information around achieving the Living Building Challenge, Zero Energy, or Zero Carbon certifications.
- It is NOT a separate ILFI certification or label. It is a hub for affordable housing project teams to connect, collaborate, and cultivate success in achieving the certifications mentioned above.

Affordable Housing Program An ILFI initiative that provides support, assistance, and resources to project teams participating in the Affordable Housing Cohort and pursuing ILFI certifications (Living Building Challenge, Zero Energy, Zero Carbon).

Living Building Challenge Framework for Affordable Housing A [resource](#) created by ILFI that provides an overview of the AH Program and offers pathways to overcoming social, regulatory, and financial barriers to achieving LBC Certification in affordable housing.

BENEFITS IN JOINING THE 2023-2026 COHORT

- **Discounted fees:** ILFI will discount fees 25% for affordable housing projects. The discount will be applied at the time the certification fee is paid.
- **Free admission to Affordable Housing Summit:** All project team members participating in the affordable housing cohort will gain access to ILFI's Affordable Housing Summit held annually online to an audience of around 200.
- **Access to dedicated support from ILFI** through the affordablehousing@living-future.org inbox and access to office hours with ILFI technical project coaches to explore specific questions on Petals and Imperatives, strategies, and certification pathways.
- **Access to resources and peer engagement** including educational and peer support/networking opportunities, a Mentor Program, and dedicated affordable housing resources such as the Affordable Housing Materials List and Best Practices for Red List Free Affordable Housing.
- **Opportunity to promote the project** and project team through participation in ILFI webinars, conferences, blogs, articles, case studies, and/or social media.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN JOINING THE 2023-2026 COHORT

- **Register** and pay discounted certification fees at appropriate times.
- **Attend Cohort Kick-Off Meetings** consisting of an Introductory Meeting, a Coaching Kick-Off Meeting, and a Cohort Kick-Off Meeting.
- **Attend Quarterly AH Team Meetings and Office Hours:** A representative from each project team is requested to attend at least 3 Quarterly AH Team Meetings and 2 Office Hour Meetings annually.
- **Complete feedback surveys:** Report best practices and lessons learned through a survey 1-2 times a year throughout the program. This will communicate to ILFI project successes, where additional support is needed, and how the Living Building Challenge and ILFI's other building programs can further address the needs of the market.
- **Participate in The Path to Red List Free Materials:** Each project team will also participate in ILFI's Path to Red List Free Materials cohort, which is a new program to support inclusion of Red List Free/Approved materials wherever possible, regardless of certification pathway. Teams will investigate the feasibility of Red List Free/Approved materials for a scope to be defined based on project team goals and resources, and track these efforts. Teams will be provided additional education and resources on how to integrate healthy materials in a cost efficient manner.