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## **Energy Efficiency Help for Two- to Four-Unit Buildings**

Nearly 40 percent of the City of Chicago's rental housing is made up of two- to four-unit apartment buildings. Improving these buildings reduces utility bills and results in happier tenants, cozier apartments, and a healthier environment. Lower energy costs also help to keep housing affordable for working families. But for building owners, it can be difficult to figure out how to get started, and financing the upgrades can be an even bigger challenge.

To help local building owners overcome these challenges, Elevate Energy offers services that make energy efficiency upgrades easy and affordable. Elevate Energy works with building owners to assess their properties and recommend cost-effective energy upgrades. The Elevate Energy team also connects building owners with reliable contractors, offers assistance identifying incentives and financing options, and provides construction oversight and quality assurance.

Two-flat owner Liz Vogel worked with Elevate Energy to improve her building on Diversey Ave. in Logan Square. She contacted Elevate Energy after noticing that her home didn't stay warm in the winter, and large ice dams were hanging from her roof. The Elevate Energy team worked with her to identify where her building was losing heat, and helped her connect with contractors who completed air sealing and insulation upgrades.

"The assistance we received through the entire process was fantastic, both with scheduling, funding and follow up," Said Vogel. "I think this program is especially valuable to families like mine who are trying to create a safe and affordable home."

To help building owners seeking financing options, Elevate Energy partners with Chicago Community Loan Fund, a leading affordable housing lender. The Energy Efficiency Loan Option from CCLF offers a low interest rate on construction and mini-permanent loans, along with flexibility on loan-to-value and loan-to-cost financing.

These services are available for a limited time only to owners of buildings with one to four units located within the six-county Chicago metropolitan region. To apply, building owners can contact Elevate Energy at 855.372.8377 or email [buildings@ElevateEnergy.org](mailto:buildings@ElevateEnergy.org).