

Building Efficiency and Clean Operations Network (BEACON) Fellows support building owners and facilities teams across Washington state in meeting the requirements of the Clean Building Performance Standard (CBPS). Fellows focus on required reporting activities that all covered buildings must complete over the next five years. BEACON Fellowships are offered free of charge through a partnership of Washington State Department of Commerce, SEI, Smart Buildings Center Education Program, and San Timoteo Energy Associates.



Energy Services

Types of energy services could include:

- **Benchmarking**
- **Energy Management Plans**
- **Community Outreach and Education**
- **Operations and Maintenance Plans**
- **Referrals to Technical Experts**



Background

This project was selected for an award by the U.S. Department of Energy as part of its investment in implementing energy efficient and innovative building codes. Funding will be provided for nearly 60 BEACON Fellows over 3 years to support the implementation of Washington's first-in-nation Clean Buildings Performance Standard.

Fellows support large commercial and multifamily buildings in underserved and disadvantaged communities with required reporting activities.

How It Works



Fellows are placed with Partner (host) organizations, who receive no-cost energy services, while also serving as a base from which Fellows provide services to building owners across Washington.



SEI serves as the employer of record, handling all human resources, payroll, health care, taxes, insurance, and providing co-supervision to the Fellows.



Fellows receive Building Operator Certification (BOC) training and professional development aligned to early-career competencies for sustainability professionals.



Fellows complete a 10-month career-launching fellowship, driving sustainability projects forward with Partners while earning a monthly stipend and program completion award.



98% of Fellows go on to pursue sustainability careers, many within Partner organizations.

Host Site Responsibilities



Weekly check-in meetings with Fellow



Monthly meetings with Regional Supervisors and your Fellow



One-time review of scope of work; two performance reviews



Approve Fellow timecards and any expenses monthly

Host sites provide office and meeting space for Fellows, as well as an opportunity to network with hosts. All project partners contribute to the development of lessons learned that can be broadly distributed. Host site supervisors are expected to be committed to providing guidance and support, constructive feedback, goal-setting, and professional communication for the duration of the fellowship.