

Utility costs are the single largest, controllable expense for most residential buildings, including co-ops. An energy efficiency retrofit is your best option to rein in rising energy costs. It can cut utility bills for your co-op by 15-30% and make your building more comfortable. But such retrofits aren't cheap and finding cash for them can be tough. That's where an Energy Savings Performance Agreement, or ESPATM for short, can help.

The Atmospheric Fund (TAF) developed the ESPA™ model to help you finance your energy efficiency retrofit without drawing on your capital reserves. TAF incubated a stand-alone entity, Efficiency Capital (EC), for this purpose. The idea is simple: We pay for your energy efficiency retrofit, and you repay us through your savings. It's a win-win!

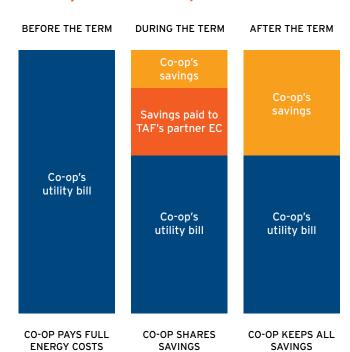
ESPA™: Benefits for co-ops and condos

- Covers up to 100% of the project costs*
- Up to a 10 year contract term
- Non-debt**
- Protects capital reserves
- Energy monitoring and maintenance ensures that your savings are sustained
- Payments are based on volumes saved***

How does an ESPA™ work?

An ESPA™ is a service performance agreement—not a loan. When you enter into an ESPA™, you don't pay upfront for a suite of energy efficiency measures and technologies for your building. You share the energy savings until the investment is repaid, plus a small return.

Energy savings: first shared, then yours to keep





ESPA™: A Success Story

The ESPA™ model is tested and true, with more than a dozen buildings whose energy performance has greatly improved. TAF has successfully employed it to finance energy retrofits for social housing and co-ops. To date, TAF and Efficiency Capital have executed ten ESPAs and all of them are achieving or exceeding the savings targets.

TAF's Exclusive Partner: Efficiency Capital



TAF incubated Efficiency Capital, a local Torontobased company, to offer the ESPA™ and take this innovative investment platform to the next level.

Efficiency Capital works with owners of commercial and multi-residential buildings to upgrade their buildings, increase asset values and reduce operating costs by installing performance-guaranteed energy conservation measures.

INTERESTED?

Find out more how an ESPA[™] could work for you at <u>www.efficiencycap.com</u>.

ESPA™: Step-by-Step

- A qualified engineering firm will complete an energy audit of your building and recommend specific energy efficiency measures.
- TAF's partner EC invests 100% of the capital cost of retrofitting your building, and retains ownership of the equipment throughout the ESPA™ term.
- You share the verified utility cost savings with EC until the end of the term, and you only pay for the amount, by volume, of energy and water saved.
- Once the term expires, you keep 100% of the savings. Because your payments are entirely contingent upon savings, it's not an asset or obligation on your balance sheet.**

This is your chance to replace aging equipment, reduce rising energy costs, improve building comfort, and lower your carbon emissions—all with virtually no financial risk.

^{*} Available to qualified applicants; terms and conditions apply.

^{**} Based on accounting research performed by TAF; subject to confirmation by client's accountant.

^{***} Subject to the terms of the contract