



Inflation Reduction Act Energy Efficiency Programs Progress Update

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Inflation Reduction Act

50121 Home Efficiency Rebate (HOMES)

- \$346,022,980.00
- Income Verification (Categorical Eligibility)
- 40% of funds from both programs must be distributed to Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- 10% of funds must go to Multi-family sector with 50% of occupants receiving tenant-based assistance.
- State Implementation Blueprint to DOE

50122 Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEERHRA)

- \$344,006,590.00
- 40% of funds from both programs must be distributed to Disadvantaged Communities (DACs)
- State Implementation Blueprint to DOE

Milestones

May 31, 2024. Early administrative funding application deadline.

August 16, 2024. Notice of Intent to apply for or decline funds.

January 31, 2025. Application deadline.

Tranche Allocations

Tranche #	Portion of awarded grant funds released	Required Deliverable(s) or Milestone(s)	LI Target*	LI Minimum†	LI MF Target*	LI MF Minimum†
1	25% funds	Negotiated and approved state grant application				
2	30% funds (55% total)	Approved Program Launch Approved State Implementation Blueprint	10-15%	5%		
3	25% funds (80% total)	Approved Market Transformation Plan	50-60%	35%	25%	5%
4	20% funds (100% total)	Approved independent privacy and security review Approved review of QA Plan Completed review of incentive implementation	80%	60%	70%	25%

* Targets indicate DOE's expected performance towards expending low-income (LI) and low-income multifamily (LI MF) allocations. Applicants should strive to achieve targets.

† Minimums must be met to receive next tranche of funds.

State Implementation Blueprint

Must be submitted after receipt of the award and a minimum of 60 days prior to planned program launch.

State Implementation Blueprint must include:

- a) Community Benefits Plan
- b) Education and Outreach Strategy
- c) Consumer Protection Plan
- d) Utility Data Access Plan
- e) Privacy and Security Risk Assessment for State Systems
- f) Market Transformation Plan*

* States have up to 1 year after program launch to submit the Market Transformation Plan

Income Verification, Recognized Programs for Categorical Eligibility of Home Efficiency Rebates

- LIHEAP
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Head Start
- Lifeline Support for Affordable Communications (Lifeline)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)
- National School Lunch Program – Free (NSLP)
- Housing Improvement Program (HIP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) - Automatically eligible ONLY if household is located in an area where 80% AMI (Area Median Income) is greater than 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
- WIC - Automatically eligible ONLY if household is located in an area where 80% AMI is greater than 185% FPL
- Other (programs approved by DOE through State application process)

Income Verification, Recognized Programs for Categorical Eligibility of Home Efficiency Rebates

Recognized Program	Level of Categorical Eligibility for Rebates for Renters Receiving Housing Assistance	Whole Building Eligibility for Rebates
Public Housing (housing owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities)	Below 80% AMI	Single- and multi-family buildings owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities are fully eligible.
Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance (Section 8, Section 202, Section 811)	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of housing units are subsidized through these programs, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.
Privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of building occupants receive tenant-based assistance, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.
Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)	Below 80% AMI	If at least 50% of housing units are income-restricted, then the multifamily building is fully eligible.

FAQ #69

Are states allowed to choose to offer the measured, modeled, or both programs under the Efficiency Rebates?

- Yes, per section 3.2.4 of the Program Requirements & Application Instructions, "[s]tates may choose to implement the modeled path, measured path, or both".

FAQ #73

Are states allowed to use a "deemed" savings approach as used in utility programs as an alternative for modeled savings?

- A "deemed" savings approach as used in utility programs is not allowed in the Home Energy Rebates programs.

FAQ #76

Do states have flexibility to not offer rebates through retailers and instead work only with contractors?

- Yes, states may determine the retail channels for which rebates will be provided. States may choose to work with a variety of retailers, including "big box" stores as well as independent retailers. States may also choose to work directly with contractors and direct installers. So long as states can verify income requirements and provide point-of-sale rebates, the channels for which rebates are offered is at the state's discretion.

FAQ #82

Must contractors receive their rebates within four weeks of applying?

- Under the Home Efficiency Rebates, a state should provide a rebate to the eligible recipient within four weeks of receiving an eligible application for modeled programs or within 60 days of submitting an invoice for measured programs.
 - The clock starts once the state receives a complete rebate application.
- The method for which rebates are provided to the contractor is at the state's discretion and must follow their internal procurement and invoicing procedures.

Income Verification Methodologies Other States

Options

- Online
- Mobile App
- Regional In-person Centers
- Call Centers

RFP Considerations

- Consumer protection
- Consumer and contractor training
- Rebate tracking and data reporting options
- Energy auditor, contractor approval, and retailer approval processes
- Measured and modeled savings options
- Layering in utility rebate programs
- Layering in IRA tax credits
- Rolling rebates out concurrently on one-at-a-time
- Rolling out rebates to discrete parts of the state first and then to the rest of the state
- Ensuring all parts of the state have an opportunity participate in the program
- Income verification
 - Online
 - Mobile App
 - Regional In-person Centers
 - Call Centers

Other States Status

RFPs Issued (contracts through 2026)

- a) Ohio
- b) Georgia
- c) Delaware
- d) Indiana
- e) Kentucky
- f) Michigan
- g) Minnesota
- h) New Mexico
- i) Puerto Rico

Request for Bid Issued

- a) NYSERDA

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