

State Home Energy Rebate Programs

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The State Home Energy Rebate Programs provide \$8.8 billion to State Energy Offices across the country to set up state-customized Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) and High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate (HEEHR) programs.¹ These voluntary programs will provide American households with **more affordable options** to better heat and cool their homes, save money on utility bills, reduce energy waste, and support local contractor jobs across the country.² **States³ and territories have already applied for and been awarded full HOMES and HEEHR funding** – yet, because of complicated program requirements, only thirteen have **launched programs**. The State Home Energy Rebate Programs will drive energy affordability and increase **consumer choice** in every participating state and **support President Trump’s goal of cutting Americans’ energy bills** while reinvigorating American energy dominance.

Background

The State Home Energy Rebate Programs are managed by the U.S. Department of Energy but are implemented by State Energy Offices to allow for customized programs that fit state needs.

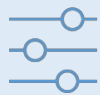
Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES) Program

\$4.3 billion to states to launch fuel-neutral, whole-house, performance-based rebates for improvements such as insulation, high-efficiency HVAC (including gas furnaces and appliances), and other upgrades. This program is based on the **bipartisan HOPE for HOMES Act** ([H.R. 3456, 117th Congress](#)) introduced in 2021. States provide rebates to **existing** single-family homes and multifamily residences for projects that **prove energy savings** based on two potential pathways:

HOMES Modeled Pathway	HOMES Measured Pathway
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Requires projects to model energy savings of at least 20 percent to qualify for rebates. 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Uses market-based incentives to reward real energy savings of at least 15 percent. ➤ Can optimize grid infrastructure and prioritize customer savings.

High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate (HEEHR) Program

\$4.5 billion to states to reduce appliance costs via rebates at the point of sale, expanding **consumer choice** for low- and moderate-income households in **new** and **existing** single-family and multifamily residences. Includes **fuel-neutral upgrades** such as insulation, air sealing, and electrical improvements.



Rebates provide households with **options** to upgrade old appliances to more efficient models, or pursue fuel-neutral upgrades like insulation to improve home comfort and reduce utility bills.



Rebates are capped at **\$14,000 total** per household.



HEEHR programs can provide a **retail pathway** to reduce costs of appliances at the register, support contractors, promote consumer choice, and leverage private sector support.

¹ See Secs. 50121-50122 of the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022.

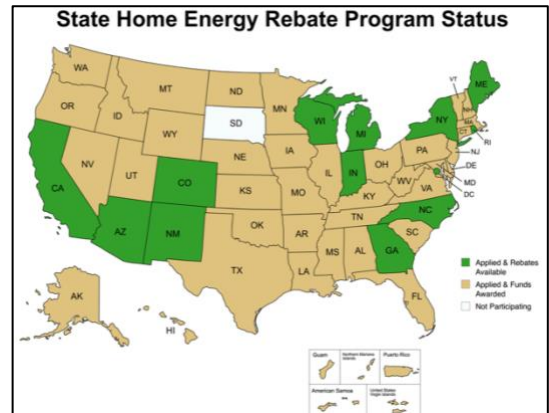
² Building Performance Association, Energy Efficiency Jobs in America Report (ee.e4thefuture.org). The energy efficiency sector employs **nearly 2.4 million** Americans, the most jobs of any energy subsector, per DOE’s [2025 U.S. Energy & Employment Report](#). 99.9% of U.S. counties host energy efficiency jobs, and nearly 270,000 of these jobs are in rural areas.

³ South Dakota was the only state that did not apply for Home Energy Rebate funding.

Rebates Timeline and Program Status

Throughout 2023 and 2024, State Energy Offices developed their programs in alignment with their state energy policies, hired program staff, and engaged with contractors to prepare to deploy the programs. As of January 22, 2025, **55 states and territories** (all states except South Dakota) have applied, and DOE issued full awards for the rebate funding. **Twelve states and the District of Columbia have launched rebate programs**, and many states are preparing to launch rebate programs in the coming months.

Now that all states have received awards, DOE may choose to **streamline** the program requirements to speed rebates to closely align the program with Trump administration energy affordability priorities and support households across the country. Most households will **work with contractors to receive the rebates up-front**, making appliances and home upgrades more affordable. Households can **also purchase select appliances at participating retail outlets**.



Examples of two recently launched State Home Energy Rebate Programs:

Georgia	North Carolina
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In November 2024, the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) launched⁴ a pilot of its Home Energy Rebate programs. Eligible households in Georgia can receive up to \$16,000 in rebates depending on their household income and/or expected energy savings. As of March 2026, nearly 1,600 Georgia households have received rebates thanks to a network of over 115 Georgia contractor companies, saving an estimated \$1,429 in annual household energy costs, per GEFA.⁴ The state is initially launching the program through approved network contractors providing services such as energy assessments, HVAC installations, and appliance purchases. Projected energy savings for rebated supported projects⁵: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation: 12-13% savings Heating upgrade: 10-28% savings Whole-home upgrade: 44% savings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In January 2025, the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality State Energy Office launched⁶ both of its Home Energy Rebate programs. Eligible households in North Carolina can receive up to \$16,000 in rebates depending on their household income and/or expected energy savings. The initial scope of NC’s program is limited to single-family, owner-occupied homes in areas affected by Hurricane Helene. Energy Saver NC aims to support more than 2,300 jobs, per the office. Projected energy savings for rebated supported projects⁵: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insulation: 13-15% savings Heating upgrade: 12-30% savings Whole-home upgrade: 46% savings

⁴ “Rebates Dashboard,” <https://energyrebates.georgia.gov/rebates-dashboard>, accessed March 13, 2026.
⁵ National Renewable Energy Laboratory, ResStock, Energy Efficiency and Electrification Dashboard, <https://tinyurl.com/2ahf6sdp>.
⁶ “Energy Saver North Carolina,” <https://www.deq.nc.gov/energy-climate/state-energy-office/energy-saver-north-carolina>.