



Maine's Federally Funded Home Energy Rebate Programs

New Rebates Launching in Maine with Funding from the Inflation Reduction Act

September 2024

Overview of Programs

Maine has been allocated nearly \$72 million in federal funding to support home energy efficiency and electrification rebate programs. These programs will complement existing state energy efficiency incentives and federal tax credits already available to Maine residents and businesses.

These rebates will help households save money on energy bills, upgrade to clean energy equipment, improve energy efficiency in their homes and reduce air pollution.

Maine has applied for this funding under two distinct programs managed by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and funded by the **Inflation Reduction Act**:

- **Home Energy Rebates (HER)** for upgrades that meet minimum energy savings thresholds
- **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)** for electrification measures, such as heat pumps

Both programs are limited to funding residential efficiency upgrades and prioritize income-eligible households.

Maine's application was submitted to DOE in April, 2024 by the **Maine Governor's Energy Office** in coordination with **Efficiency Maine** and **MaineHousing**.

Maine has received its funding allocation for HEAR, and those **funds will be available to Maine residents starting in September 2024 via Efficiency Maine**. HER funding is expected to be available by late 2024 or early 2025.

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Program Details

Available Now: Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR): Prescriptive rebates for electrification measures for income-eligible households.

- **Budget:** \$35.7 million for Maine
- **Eligibility:** (1) new construction of affordable multifamily housing, and (2) income-eligible single family manufactured home retrofit
- **Technology:** whole-home heat pumps (may also include including wiring and panel upgrades in manufactured homes)

Coming Soon: Home Efficiency Rebates (HER):
Launching later: Rebates for efficiency upgrades that achieve minimum energy savings thresholds set by the federal government.

- **Budget:** \$35.9 million for Maine
- **Eligibility:** (1) low-income multifamily retrofit (replaces an existing system), and (2) any-income multifamily retrofit
- **Technology:** technology-neutral, must achieve at least 35% energy savings

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