

IRA Home Efficiency & Electrification Rebate Programs

IGAP Request for Information Snapshot

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Summary

The Department of Energy is soliciting feedback and best practices to inform the development of Home Energy Rebate programs that will support residential energy efficiency and electrification improvements.

Background

The Inflation Reduction Act authorizes \$8.8 billion for creating Home Energy programs to serve U.S. households with technology products and services that reduce energy bills, increase home comfort, improve indoor air quality, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. DOE will create program guidance to assist states, territories, and Indian Tribes in designing, managing, and improving Home Energy Rebate programs. This funding includes:

- \$4.3 billion in formula grants to State Energy Offices to carry out Home Efficiency Rebate programs
- \$4.275 billion in formula grants to State Energy Offices to carry out Home Electrification Rebate programs
- \$225 million in formula grants to Indian Tribes to carry out Home Electrification Rebate programs

Individuals can use these rebates with tax incentives for energy-related home improvements. The Home Energy Rebate programs will help American households save money on energy bills, upgrade to clean energy equipment, improve energy efficiency, and reduce indoor and outdoor air pollution. DOE estimates that the home energy efficiency and electrification consumer rebates authorized will save households up to \$1 billion annually.

DOE has issued this Request for Information to collect input that will inform the development of program guidance and tools to assist states, territories, and Tribes in implementing Home Energy Rebate programs.

Who Should Respond

States, local governments, energy contractors, labor organizations, manufacturers of energy efficient and electrification equipment and materials, community-based organizations, environmental and housing justice organizations, disadvantaged communities, Indian Tribes, and other stakeholders.

Response Guidelines Respondents are requested to provide their contact information at the start of their response to this RFI, including their name, organization, type of organization (state government, nonprofit/community organization, individual, etc.), phone number, and email address. DOE will not respond to individual submissions or publish publicly a compendium of responses. Response formatting depends on the submission type (see “How to Submit” section below for more details.)

Key Questions Respondents are encouraged to provide input only on questions of relevance or interest to them. You do not need to answer all questions to submit a response.

DOE has outlined 60 questions across 14 categories listed below. Please review the full RFI for the exhaustive list of questions.

- A. Respondent Contact Information
- B. Accessible and Equitable Program Design
- C. Additional Design Considerations Specific to Indian Tribes
- D. Designing Programs for Maximum Impact
- E. Integrating Existing Incentives & Programs
- F. Opt-In Tools, Resources, Technical Assistance, and Partnerships
- G. Income Verification
- H. Estimating and Measuring Energy Savings
- I. Eligible Technologies for Rebates
- J. Data Access and Sharing
- K. Compliance and Quality Assurance
- L. Job Creation & Quality
- M. Buy America and Supply Chain Considerations
- N. Open Response

How to Submit Responses to this RFI may be submitted in two ways.

1. Online Form: DOE prefers responses that are submitted via this online form: <https://forms.office.com/g/iuwKCbKpJK>. The form includes response boxes for all 60 questions included in this RFI. Respondents may answer as many or as few questions as they wish.
2. Email: Responses may also be submitted by email to IRAHomeRebates@hq.doe.gov. Responses must be provided as a Microsoft Word (.docx) attachment to the email, with no more than 10 pages in length, 12-point font, 1-inch margins. For any questions answered via an emailed word document, please include the question number before each response.

Resources

- [RFI Listing \(EERE Exchange\)](#)
- [Home Energy Rebate Programs Page \(DOE\)](#)