Home Energy Rebates

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Where We Are and Where We're Going

Let's build more together.



From this...

...to now

....to ultimately this

Program Application Timelines + Need Drives Pace Groups

These pace groups should support States both where they are and encourage robust applications that result in funds obligated.



Sprint 1 Learnings

Congratulations Sprint 1 & Thank You: California, Hawaii, New Mexico, and New York

What We Learned



Understand immovable challenges

Strive for completeness

Maximize the communication opportunities

Recognize competing priorities

Focus on scaling DOE processes and templates

DOE's 2024 Focus - Funding Applications for States & Tribes



COLLABORATION

- Partner with and learn from each other
- Continually improve support



ROBUST APPLICATIONS

- Champion comprehensive and thoughtful program designs
- Support to meet requirements



APPLICATION PROCESSING

 Review and process applications efficiently and transparently



PRIORITIZED RESOURCES

- Develop timely resources
- Anticipate and meet applicant needs

Wrap Up & Next Steps

We look forward to staying connected and engaged. The DOE is committed to getting funding out to states to deliver strong programs.

- Project officers (POs) are always first point of contact.
- Connect with the DOE's Home Energy Rebates team here this week.



Where We Are Going - the BIG picture

Let's build more together.

All of us:

States, Tribes, DOE, Partners like utilities, implementers, and administrators Leverage our & your expertise to plan, design, create strategic goals, ramp up, and implement

Balance speed & transformative ideas in our path forward

Let's go together to build successful programs.

Meet the Technical Assistance Team



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Published Resources

Resource	Description
Data Access Plan (Intro and Template)	Info on Data Access Guidelines, Data Access Plan requirements, and selecting the pathway for customer consent; Example template
50121 Sample Application	Example responses and additional guidance
50122 Sample Application	Example responses and additional guidance
Budget Allocation Calculator	Tool to assist states in effectively distributing budget allocations
Evaluation Recommendations	Info on decision-making, scoping, planning, budgeting, RFP creation
Guidelines for Leveraging Other Funding Sources	Guidelines to braiding of funds with other funding sources
Retroactivity Fact Sheet & Checklist	Tool to help states efficiently screen projects for retroactive qualification
50121 RFP Guidance	Recommended components of an RFP
50122 RFP Guidance	Recommended components of an RFP
Measured Path Incentive Calculator	Tool to calculate allowable incentive payments for retrofit projects pursued under the measured path of 50121
Integrating with WAP	Considerations when designing integrated WAP and 50122 program

Upcoming: LIHTC case study; Income Verification Guidance, and Median Income vs. FPL Guidance

Technical Assistance Focus Areas (Aug 2023 - Feb 2024)



Identification of priority TA needs among SEOs



Deep dives with SEOs and targeted assistance to Sprint 1 states



NASEO webinars (e.g., multifamily, data access, modeled/measured approaches)



Sample applications, FAQs, and other application resources

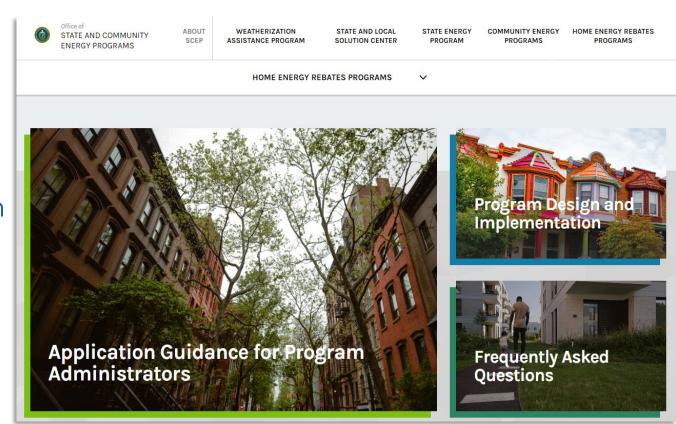


Topic areas:

- Braiding (e.g., WAP, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits)
- Data Access
- Tools and evaluation resources

Looking Ahead

- Focused assistance for Sprint 2 States
- Targeted resources to inform program design and practices
 - FAQs
 - Program Design and Implementation
- Continued outreach and engagement with non-SEO stakeholders
- Resources for State Implementation
 Blueprint Plans
- Develop additional strategies for State engagement



Upcoming: Support for State Implementation Blueprint Plans

State Implementation Blueprints are due 60 days prior to the program launch and include:

- Community Benefits Plan
- Education and Outreach Strategy
- Consumer Protection Plan
- Utility Data Access Plan
- Privacy and Security Risk Assessment for State Systems
- Market Transformation plan (can be submitted up to 1 year after award date)

DOE is working on resources to:

- Make required elements for each plan easily referenceable and
- Provide sample responses where appropriate.

Thank You!





DOE's Focus in 2024

Collaboration

Funding Obligated to

States and Tribes

Fartner with States and Tribes to learn from each other and continually improve TA support

Application Review & Processing

Review and process applications efficiently and transparently

Robust Applications

Champion and support program designs that are comprehensive, thoughtful and meet requirements

Develop resources that are timely and anticipate and meet applicant needs

Prioritized Resources

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