

# IRA Home Energy

## Rebate Programs

### FAQs



#### 1. What are the energy rebate programs?

*There are 2 rebate programs:*

- *Home Efficiency Rebates (also known as HER or HOMES) will provide rebates for qualified energy efficiency upgrades and retrofits that achieve at least 20% energy savings. Both single family and multifamily buildings are eligible. Households with less than 80% area median income (AMI) are eligible for a larger rebate amount.*
- *The Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (also known as HEAR and HEERA) are rebates for low- and moderate-income households to purchase qualified high-efficiency home appliances and equipment. Only households with 150% area median income (AMI) are eligible for the HEAR rebates.*

#### 2. What is the current status of the Rebate programs?

*OED applied for Early Administrative Funding for the rebate programs on September 12 and is now awaiting federal approval. Early Administrative Funding will be used to help design the state implementation plan. With that, OED is concurrently identifying a third-party consultant to assist in the planning, design, and implementation of the program through a Request for Services process with the Indiana Department of Administration.*

#### 3. When will the rebates become available?

*The rebates may become available to Hoosiers as early as mid to late 2024. However, this is subject to change based on receiving federal approval. In the meantime, consumers may be eligible for federal tax credits should a replacement be required before program implementation.*

#### 4. My current (energy equipment) is old / about to die. Should (Can) I replace or purchase new?

*We cannot make recommendations on when you should replace your (energy equipment). Please be advised that these programs are complex and will take time to develop and receive federal approval before the rebates can be made available. Due to the complex nature of the federal regulations associated with this program, it is not recommended to expect to receive a rebate for equipment or work completed prior to the start of the state implementation date of the programs.*

*However, there are other financial incentives that may be immediately available to consumers who replaced a product, including federal tax credits. These may help ease the cost burden. A link to the tax credits can be found on the OED webpage under “[Residential and Homeowner Incentives](#)”.*

**5. Will the rebate programs be retroactive?**

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**6. The bill was signed into law in August 2022, why are the rebates not available yet?**

*After the Inflation Reduction Act was signed into law, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) was required to create federal guidance for the Home Energy Rebate Programs. To access funding, states must submit and receive federal approval for comprehensive plans outlining how the state will implement the rebate programs and adhere to federal compliance.*

*Full federal program guidance was released by the U.S. Department of Energy in July 2023 and modified in October 2023. (Federal guidance may continue to be modified in the future.)*

*Before states can distribute rebates, they must develop a state plan for the administration of the rebates, which is completed under the Early Administrative Funding. Once the Early Administrative Funding is awarded, Indiana OED will select a third-party consultant to help design and build the state plan, which will include stakeholder outreach and engagement during the design phase.*

*Once the state completes its plan, it is submitted to DOE for federal review and approval. Only after the state plan has been approved, can the state begin implementation of the rebate programs.*

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