

Tribal Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (IRA Section 50122): Fact Sheet

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Overview

Under the Inflation Reduction Act, the U.S. Department of Energy <u>Tribal Home Electrification</u> <u>and Appliance Rebates program</u> will provide **\$218.25 million in non-competitive formula allocations** to Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Corporations to develop, implement, and subsidize residential energy efficiency, electrification, and appliance upgrade projects.

Tribal rebate programs will provide funds to low- and middle-income households as follows:

Maximum Rebate Per Improvement	
Electric heat pump HVAC system	\$8,000
Electric circuit panel upgrade	\$4,000
Electric wiring upgrades	\$2,500
Electric heat pump water heater	\$1,750
Insulation, air sealing, and ventilation	\$1,600
Electric stove, cooktop, range, or oven and/or electric heat pump clothes dryer	\$840
Total rebates of up to \$14,000 per dwelling unit	

While subject to the caps noted in the chart, rebates can cover:

- up to full project costs for low-income households (less than 80% area median income)
- up to half of project costs for moderate-income households (80 - 150% area median income)

Tribal Implementation Role

- While funding is non-competitive, <u>Tribes must apply to DOE for a grant</u> before receiving funds.
- Tribes can tailor their rebates of eligible technologies for local needs, such as only using rebates for wiring of non-electrified Tribal households or upgrades of Tribally managed housing.
- Tribes can choose to form a Tribal consortium, in which multiple Tribes submit a single application to run a joint program.



• Tribes can also choose to designate a third-party agent (such as a Tribally designated housing entity) to apply for and administer a program on behalf of a Tribe or Tribal consortium.

Steps for Tribes to Get Started on an Application

- 1. Read the Getting Started on the Application Guide.
- 2. Register for a PAGE account, which you will need to submit your application.
- 3. Register in FedConnect to acknowledge and receive your award.
- 4. Complete all documents included in the <u>Tribal Rebates program application checklist</u>.
- 5. Work with DOE staff to refine application as needed for final approval for program launch.

Applications are rolling and are open through **May 31, 2025**. If a Tribe chooses not to apply by this deadline, their funding may be reallocated to other Tribes that are administering a rebate program.

DOE Technical Assistance Available to Help Tribes Apply for and Implement Rebate Programs

- <u>Sample application</u>, including a <u>narrative answer template</u> and a <u>budget justification</u> <u>workbook</u>, that Tribes can use to complete their application.
- Direct technical assistance (via calls or video meetings) to help Tribes design their programs in ways that support their goals while fulfilling DOE's program requirements.
- Support in completing, submitting, processing, and approving applications for the program.
- An optional digital centralized system that Tribes (and their program implementers) can use or modify to facilitate rebate processing and reporting.
- Concierge coaching and support for program administration and troubleshooting as Tribes set up and launch their rebate programs.

Tribal Household Eligibility for Other Funding

- Tribal households may also be eligible for other funding for home upgrades, such as federal tax credits, Home Energy Rebates from a state, or other rebates issued by a state or utility.
- DOE strongly encourages Tribes to design their Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate programs to integrate with other funding sources to provide Tribal households with multiple sources of funding for home energy upgrades.

Tribal Rebates Resources

• The <u>Tribal Electrification and Appliance Rebates program webpage</u> contains the following:



- o Program requirements and application instructions
- o Rules for leveraging other sources of funding with Tribal rebates
- o Funding amounts allocated to each Indian Tribe and Alaska Native Corporation
- o A form for Tribes to submit questions about the Tribal Rebates program
- An overview of which appliances and products may be eligible for rebates or tax credits in Tribal communities is available at energy.gov/save.
- <u>Frequently asked questions</u> about the Home Energy Rebates program.

Stay Connected

- Sign up to receive DOE's updates on the Home Energy Rebates.
- Contact Tribal Outreach Specialist <u>Lisa Serrano</u> for application questions, technical assistance requests, or other needs related to the Tribal Rebates program.

