



DOE Zero Energy Ready Home

Summary of Incentives from Utilities, State Qualified Allocation Plans, and Other Sources

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| State/Jurisdiction | Program | Summary of Incentives | Reference Documents & Websites |
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| Colorado | State QAP | Projects may “self-certify” through CHFA using EGC 2015 Criteria if the Applicant agrees to meet a higher level of energy efficiency by achieving certification through the Department of Energy’s Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH) program, Passive House Institute US (PHIUS), or Passive House Institute (PHI) program. Note that ZERH, PHIUS, and PHI are not “holistic” green-building programs, therefore EGC 2015 self-certification is required in combination with ZERH, PHIUS, or PHI certification. | Colorado Housing and Finance Authority LIHTC QAP |
| | Boulder County Residential Green Building Code | Required that new homes over 5,000 SF must select 2 of 3 energy provisions: HERS < 50; certified to DOE ZERH; and/or achieve PHIUS/LBC/LEED Platinum. ZERH adoption was part of the larger adoption of the 2015 IECC and was largely based on the IECC decision to make the ERI a compliance option. | Boulder County BuildSmart Code |
| | Summit County Building Code | As of 7/1/2020 residential new construction is required to comply with DOE ZERH. The code is in effect in Breckenridge, Dillon, Frisco, and Summit County, CO. | Summit Sustainable Building Code |
| Connecticut | Energize CT Residential Application | \$750 Single Family | Energize CT Residential Application |
| | | \$250/unit SF Attached or MF | |
| Delaware | State QAP | ZERH certification adds 2 pts to the Energy Conservation Measure | Delaware State Housing Authority LIHTC QAP |

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| District of Columbia (DC) | QAP | ZERH certification provides additional points under Green Building Project Criteria. In addition, all projects must either include solar panels, qualify as a Solar Ready Building as defined by the US Department of Energy, or provide an explanation as to why the project is not pursuing Solar Ready status at this time. | District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development LIHTC QAP |
| Minnesota | Minneapolis 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program | Market rate new construction projects with at least 20% affordable units can receive up to a \$100,000 incentive if pursuing ENERGY STAR, Zero Energy Ready, or Passive House Institute US (PHIUS) certification. | 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program |
| | State QAP | In the 2021 revision ZERH certification provides 15 points under Criteria 5.2b: Moving to Zero Energy: Zero Energy Design | Minnesota Housing LIHTC QAP |
| New Jersey | NJ Clean Energy Program | New Jersey Zero Energy Ready Home requires a high energy efficiency achievement in new home construction. The program requirements include meeting or exceeding all DOE Zero Energy Ready Homes technical standards, building in compliance with the ENERGY STAR Homes Program checklists, meeting 2015 IECC insulation levels, and certifying under EPA's Indoor airPLUS Program. | NJ Clean Energy Program – Residential New Construction |
| | | \$6,500+ for SF (HERS 50 max); up to \$21,250 @ HERS 20 | NJ Clean Energy Program Incentive Table |
| | | \$4,875+ for SF Attached (HERS 50 max); up to \$15,938 @ HERS 20 | |
| | \$3,250/unit+ for Multifamily (HERS 50 max); up to \$10,625 @ HERS 20 | | |
| | Low Income Housing Tax Credit | ZERH 4 points under the Green Point Options | New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency LIHTC QAP |
| Oregon | Oregon Executive Order No. 17-20 | Oregon Executive Order for 2023 specifically cites ZERH as residential energy code, but changes can be expected during implementation process. | Office of the Governor State of Oregon Executive Order No. 17-20 |
| Pennsylvania | State QAP | ZERH certification adds 7 points under energy efficiency options. | Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency QAP |

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| Rhode Island | Rhode Island Residential New Construction (RNC) Program | Incentives for %-better-than average home, plus airtightness, plus an all-electric ZERH-Certified Home accrue to over \$6,000 for SF and several \$1000 per MF unit. | Rhode Island Residential New Construction Program and Zero Energy Homes |
| | Rhode Island Residential Stretch Code | Voluntary code ZERH certification plus Rhode Island, WaterSense, EV Ready, and IEQ provisions | Rhode Island Stretch Codes |
| Utah | Dominion Energy ThermWise Builder Rebates | Pay-for-performance incentive structure, with bonus incentives for ENERGY STAR Homes and for DOE Zero Energy Ready Home certification. | ThermWise Builder Rebates |
| Virginia | State QAP | It is possible to gain up to 20 points on future VHDA LIHTC applications if a principal on that application is also a principal on a tax credit development in Virginia that meets either Zero Energy Ready Home (ZERH) or Passive House requirements, or both. 10 points are awarded per program. | Virginia Housing Development Authority LIHTC QAP |