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LOW INCOME

NEW HOMES

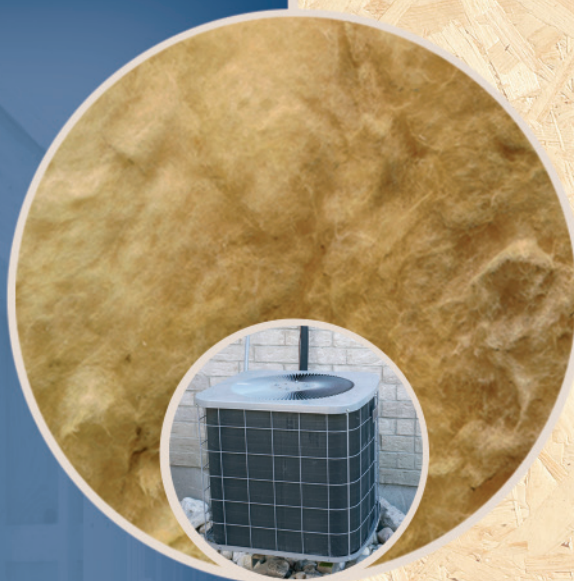
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PROGRAM

At Empire, we believe energy efficiency is an important ingredient in making new homes truly affordable. After all, thousands of dollars can be saved over the lifetime of a home by installing energy efficient heating and cooling systems, appliances, lighting, and additional insulation.

Because of this, The Empire District Electric Company is proud to introduce the **Low-Income New Homes Program** (Program). The goal of the Program is to work with local non-profit organizations to encourage energy efficient, affordable, new housing for the low-income community.

To increase the level of energy efficiency achieved during new home construction, the Program offers financial incentives for the following items:



Building Insulation

- Exterior wall insulation with an R value of 19 or higher (baseline of R-13), and/or
 - Attic insulation with an R value of 38 or higher (baseline of R-30), and/or
 - Floor insulation with an R value of R-19 or higher (baseline of R-13).
- The eligible incentive is the full incremental cost above the appropriate baseline.

Central Air Conditioning or Heat Pump

Central air conditioning units with a SEER of 14 or higher are eligible for an incentive equal to the full incremental purchase price, up to a maximum of \$400, as compared to models with a SEER of 13.

Installation of a heat pump with a SEER of 14 or higher qualifies for an incentive equal to the full incremental cost over the SEER of 13, but may not exceed the incentive for similarly rated central air conditioning units. The maximum of \$400 applies.

Refrigerator

The upgrade to an Energy Star® refrigerator or to a higher efficiency Energy Star® refrigerator qualifies for an incentive of up to \$200.

Lighting

The installation of Energy Star® rated lighting fixtures qualifies for an incentive of up to \$100.

Any combination of the eligible incentives may be used to achieve a maximum total incentive of \$1,100 per home.

Based on these estimates, Empire plans to fund five to ten homes per year in Missouri, for a period of five years. Funding will be provided on an annual first-come, first-served basis until the allotted funds are exhausted.

An organization may notify Empire of its intent to participate in this program by completing the "Notice of Intent" and forwarding it to Sherry McCormack, 602 Joplin Street, Joplin, Missouri 64801 or to smccormack@empiredistrict.com. Phone (417) 625-6519. Upon acceptance, the allocated funding (up to \$1,100) will be held for that organization for up to six months. Payment will occur upon receipt and review of paid invoices.

