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Goals of Federal Home Energy Rebate Program

DOE lists 4 overarching goals for the Home Energy Rebates Program, including the creation of ***“proven values streams and roles for sustained investments to continue market transformation”*** that:

- Catalyze sustained increase in supplier, consumer participation in energy efficiency, electrification upgrades
- Improve access to energy efficiency, electrification upgrades for low-income households
- **Showcase value of combined federal, utility, private, and public funds to households, local communities**

(emphasis added)

US Dept. of Energy, Office of State & Community Energy Programs (“SCEP”). “IRA Home Energy Rebates: Program Requirements & Application Instructions”. (June 17, 2024). Pp. 4-5. Accessed at:

https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-06/program-requirements-and-application-instructions_061324.pdf



Maximizing impact of Home Energy Rebates

DOE permits the combination of rebates with non-federal funding & provides guidance:

- ***“Non-federal funding, such as funding authorized by a state government, or local government, or available through a utility program or philanthropic support, can be used to co-fund any remaining costs for upgrades and individual components of qualified electrification projects beyond the value of the federal rebate.”***

(emphasis added)

DOE, SCEP. "IRA Home Energy Rebates: Program Requirements & Application Instructions". Pp. 43-48. Accessed at: https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-06/program-requirements-and-application-instructions_061324.pdf

- **Can co-fund any remaining costs for the same upgrade above the value of the Home Energy Rebate**

SCEP. "Guidelines for Leveraging Other Funding Sources with Home Energy Rebates". (January 11, 2024). Accessed at: https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2024-01/Guidelines%20for%20Leveraging%20Other%20Funding%20Sources%20with%20Home%20Energy%20Rebates_final%20for%20Rebates%20Website_1.10.24.pdf






DOE answers FAQs on Home Energy Rebates

FAQ #10: How will implementation be coordinated with federal programs?

Coordinated with various programs to support homeowners/residents to maximize program benefits while preventing “double dipping” across federal grants/rebates for same upgrade or project

FAQ #11: Can households receive home energy rebates for a product as well as utility incentives?

Stacking Home Energy Rebates with non-federal funds is “generally allowable/encouraged” if total rebated value does not exceed total project costs

Sources of Funding	Allowance
Other Federal Grants (e.g., funding from the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP))	Can Braid 
Federal Loans or Loan Guarantees (e.g., loan from DOE Revolving Loan Fund (RLF))	Can Co-Fund 
Non-Federal Funding (e.g., EE utility \$, state/local \$)	Can Co-Fund 

SCEP. “Home Energy Rebates Frequently Asked Questions”. (2024). Accessed at: <https://www.energy.gov/scep/home-energy-rebates-frequently-asked-questions>

Wisconsin to permit co-funding or “stacking”



The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin will work with statewide energy efficiency provider, Focus on Energy, to deliver **co-funded IRA Home Energy Rebates**

- WI Home Energy Rebates allocation = \$149 million
- Process approved by DOE; rebates expected to be available in summer 2024

From the Focus on Energy Home Energy Rebates FAQ:

FAQ #6: Can I also receive Focus on Energy rebates and discounts for these same upgrades?

Yes; eligibility requirements apply. Must be customer of participating utility.

FAQ #7: How is Focus on Energy involved with IRA Home Energy Rebates Program?

“IRA programs will be able to take advantage of resources and systems already in place.”

Focus on Energy. “IRA Home Energy Rebates”. (2024). Accessed at: <https://focusonenergy.com/home-energy-rebates#status>

Maine also to permit co-funding or “stacking”



The Maine Governor’s Energy Office, Efficiency Maine & MaineHousing will collaborate to deliver **co-funded IRA Home Energy Rebates**

- ME Home Energy Rebates allocation = \$72 million
- Process approved by DOE; rebates expected to be available in summer 2024

Maine’s Home Energy Rebate Federal Funding Application Overview says the DOE rebates will:

“ ... **complement existing state energy efficiency incentives** and federal tax credits **already available** to *Maine residents and businesses*”

ME Gov. Energy Office. “Maine Home Energy Rebate Federal Funding Application Overview”. (May 2024). Accessed at: <https://www.maine.gov/energy/sites/maine.gov.energy/files/inline-files/ME%20Home%20Energy%20Rebates%20Application%20Summary.pdf>