

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
21 S. Fruit St., Suite 10
Concord, N.H. 03301-2429**NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Home Energy Rebate Program****Solicitation of Written Comment****May 1, 2024****Background:**

Passage of the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) created two residential rebate programs – the [Home Efficiency Rebates Program](#) and the [Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program](#), collectively known as the Home Energy Rebate Program. The Home Energy Rebate Program allocates \$8.8 billion to states via formula grants. States must design rebate programs in accordance with federal guidance and apply to the United States Department of Energy (USDOE) for their formula grants.

The State of New Hampshire, through the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department), is slated to receive \$34.952 million from the Home Efficiency Rebates Program and \$34.749 million from the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program, totaling \$69.702 million in rebate funding for state residents. The Department filed an initial application with USDOE for the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program on March 22, 2024. That application is under review by USDOE and subject to change and revision.

The Home Energy Rebate Program is intended to benefit households by lowering the cost of undertaking meaningful home energy upgrades. These upgrades seek to lower consumer energy costs and improve the health and safety of homes. This funding also aims to increase the installation of efficient, clean energy equipment in underserved and underrepresented communities.

Using a program implementer, the Department will be partnering with local residential contractors and retailers to supply households with goods and services that are eligible for rebate funding through these programs.

Request for Comments:

The Department is requesting written comment from residential contractors and retailers on topics and program design elements that the Department should consider as it continues to develop both the Home Efficiency Rebates Program and the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates Program.

The Department is specifically looking for feedback on what concerns parties may have relating to:

- reimbursement,
- inventory,
- point of sale coupons,
- any other issues that contractors and retailers foresee presenting obstacles to the smooth implementation of these programs,
- suggestions for solutions to any concerns raised.

The Department's goal will be to use this feedback to inform back-end decision making and program design to minimize any burden or inconvenience that could potentially affect a contractor or retailer's participation in the Home Energy Rebate Program.

At this time, the Department is **not** looking for feedback from consumers who plan to participate in the programs.

Parties are encouraged to review USDOE's Home Energy Rebate Program Requirements & Application Requirements before submitting written comment. The Program Requirements & Application Instructions can be found here: [Home Energy Rebate Programs Requirements & Application Instructions](#)

Submission Instructions:

- Please submit all written comments by 12:00 p.m. on May 31, 2024, via e-mail to IRARebates@energy.nh.gov with the subject line "Home Energy Rebate Program Comments."
- All comments must be submitted in PDF format. Any written comments submitted after May 31, 2024, will still be accepted.
- All written comments submitted are subject to New Hampshire's 'Right to Know Law' RSA 91-A. Comments should not include any proprietary or confidential information.