

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****February 23, 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 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.

Request for Comments:

The Department is requesting written comment from homeowners, residential contractors, retailers, and other interested groups on topics that the Department should consider as it designs its Home Energy Rebate Program.

Examples of topics to address include, but are not limited to, ensuring simplicity for homeowners to access rebates, targeting underserved and underrepresented communities, and coordinating with qualified contractors to conduct home energy upgrades. These examples are intended as a guide, not as a limit to your comments.

Please feel free to comment on subject matters relating to the Home Energy Rebate Program outside of the confines of the examples listed in the paragraph above. There is no obligation or expectation to provide feedback on questions outside of your area(s) of interest or expertise.

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 March 13, 2024, via e-mail to ashley.m.hamilton@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 March 13, 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.