

# DOE Home Energy Rebates Program Implementation in the District

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## DOEE's Goals for the Program

- Strong focus on low-income households and easy access for those households
- Support for middle-income households
- Ensure support for large and small residential buildings
- Efficiency plus electrification whenever possible
- Manageable programs that ease implementation

# Background

- \$8.8 billion Department of Energy programs funded under the Inflation Reduction Act
- States will use formula funding to develop and implement programs

## Home Efficiency Rebates (HER/HOMES)

- \$29.8M for DC
- For whole-home or whole-building upgrades and retrofits
- Rebate amount depends on income and extent of energy savings (min 20%)

## Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)

- \$29.6M for DC
- For specific appliances and electrification
- Income-restricted
- Rebate amount depends on income and cost of measures

## *High-Level Federal Requirements for Both*

- Mandatory low-income and multifamily set-asides
- Approved contractor lists
- Restrictions around comingling with other federal funds

# Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)

Federal requirement - Maximum rebate amount by measure using federal funding

Rebate Type	Equipment/Service	Maximum Rebate \$ Amount
Appliance Upgrades	Heat Pump Water Heater	\$1,750
	Heat Pump for Space Heating or Cooling	\$8,000
	Electric Stove, Cooktop, Range, Oven, or	\$840
	Electric Heat Pump Clothes Dryer	\$840
Non-appliance Upgrades	Electric Load Service Center Upgrade	\$4,000
	Insulation, Air Sealing, and Ventilation	\$1,600
	Electric Wiring	\$2,500
<b>Maximum total across all upgrades per home or unit</b>		<b>\$14,000</b>

# Proposed Approach

Use IRA rebates federal funding to build on existing programs



## HOMES

- Focus on multifamily (larger buildings)
- Affordable Housing Retrofit Accelerator
- DHCD programs
- DCHA public housing

## HEAR

- Focus on multifamily and single-family (smaller buildings)
- Affordable Housing Electrification Program
- Simplify income verification to extent feasible
- Weatherization Assistance Program
- DCSEU HVAC and appliance rebates program



# Proposed Approach

## Leverage District Funding

- To cover 100% of costs for low-income
- Where federal requirements cannot reasonably be met
- For other housing types or income categories
- To continue programs after federal funding is drawn down

# Proposed Approach

## Cross-Market Other Energy Programs and Incentives



Solar for All



DC Green Bank loans  
for multifamily



Energy Efficiency  
and Clean Energy  
Tax Credits



LIHEAP and  
Weatherization  
Assistance Program

## Next Steps and Outstanding Issues

- DOEE is preparing applications and implementation blueprints for both programs
- Continued public and stakeholder engagement
- Status of Council's Healthy Homes legislation

# Resources

[DOEE Updates on IRA Rebates Implementation](#)

[DOE Home Energy Rebates Program](#)

[FAQs](#)

[Webinars](#)

[Info on Federal Tax Credits for Home Energy Upgrades](#)