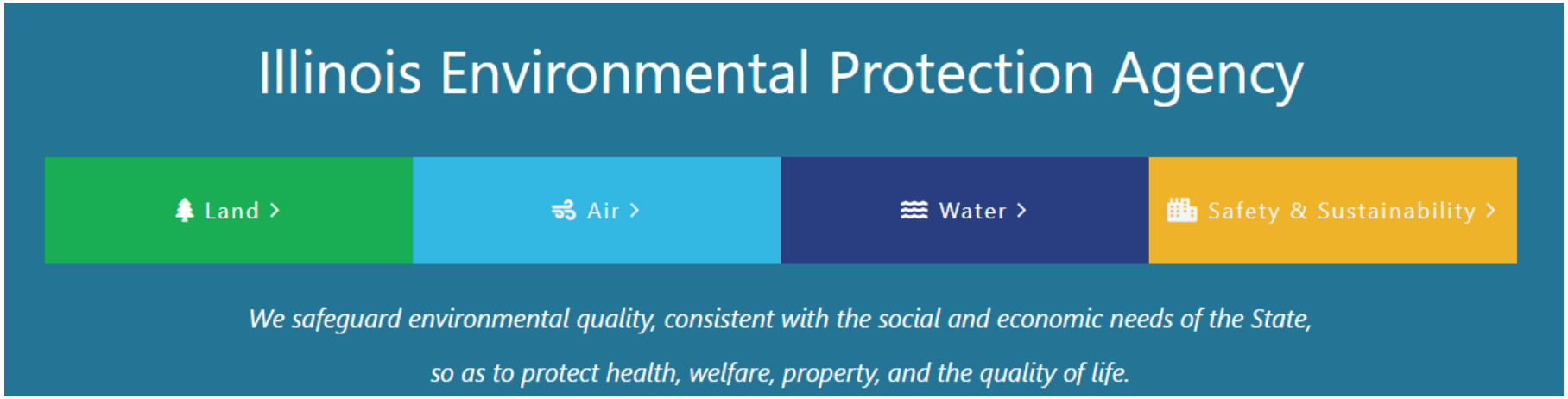
IRA Home Energy Rebate Program Update

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About the Office of Energy



The Office of Energy advances energy efficiency, resilience, and clean energy initiatives across Illinois through strategic public-private partnerships and interagency collaboration.

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- Funded by state and federal programs
  - Federal: U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Team of seven located in Springfield, IL
- Experiencing period of growth driven by increased federal funding

Collaboration, a Key for Success

- State Energy Offices
- Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity
- Illinois Finance Authority
- Illinois Commerce Commission
- Illinois Power Agency
- Illinois Department of Corrections
- Illinois Green Economy Network
- Universities
- And more….

Collaborating ensures that programs are complementary, funding gaps are addressed, and resources are deployed effectively without duplication.

Office of Energy Programs

- Residential
- Business and Industry
- Government and Public Institutions
- Energy Codes

IRA Home Efficiency Rebate Program

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Collaboration with IL DCEO. The program provides energy efficiency rebates to low-income households, defined as those earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or those that are categorically eligible. Rebates are available for both single-family and multifamily residential properties.

Rebate Tiers:

- Up to **$8,000** for homes achieving **20%–34%** modeled energy savings
- Up to **$16,000** for homes achieving **35%** or greater modeled energy savings

In addition, households may receive up to **$1,500** to cover the cost of exhaust and ventilation system upgrades, if required to meet health and safety standards.

DCEO is currently providing multifamily energy auditor training to over 70 community action agency auditors.

IRA Home Efficiency Rebate Program

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Timeline:

- January 2025 - Illinois EPA Receives Full Award
- January 2025 - May 2026 – IL EPA continues to complete blueprints and work with DCEO to complete energy audit software, IWX system rules, with limited interaction with U.S. DOE. No states approved to launch in this time frame.
- June 1 2026 – Received Program Notice 26-1

Program Notice 26-1

- Name changed from “Home Efficiency Rebates” to “Home Owner Managing Energy Savings” (HOMES)”
- Replaced the Consumer Protection Plan with a Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Mitigation Plan
- Made following Blueprint Plans Optional: Education and Outreach Strategy, Utility Data Access, Privacy and Security Risk Assessment

IRA Home Efficiency Rebate Program

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Where are we now?

- Submitted attestation forms for Program Notice 26-1 – 8/26/2026
- Submitted updated application to U.S. DOE - 9/9/2026
- Submitted Fraud, Waste and Abuse Plan (FWA) - 9/23/2026
- Received feedback on application and FWA plan - 10/30/2026
- Submitted responses to application and FWA plan - 11/09/2026
- Energy audit software in last step for approval from National Laboratory of the Rockies.
- Pilot launch date

IRA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates

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Collaboration with IL DCEO. The program provides rebates to low-income households, defined as those earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI) or those that are categorically eligible. A low-moderate level rebate option will be made available. Rebates are available for both single-family and multifamily residential properties.

Product Rebates		
Upgrade Type	Qualified Product	Rebate Amount Not to Exceed
Appliance	Heat Pump Water Heater	$1,750
	Heat Pump for Space Heating and Cooling	$8,000
	Heat Pump Clothes Dryer	$840
	Electric Stove, Cooktop, Range, or Oven	
Building Materials	Electric Load Service Center	$4,000
	Insulation, Air Sealing, and Ventilation	$1,600
	Electric Wiring	$2,500
Maximum Rebate		$14,000

IRA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates

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Timeline:

- July 2024 – IL EPA received early admin funding
- January 2025 - IL EPA receives conditional award
- January 2025-May 2026 – IL EPA continued to work on blueprints and integrate rebates and rules into IWX software system.
- May 2026 - Requested 12-month extension for early admin/conditional award.
- June 1, 2026 – Received Program Notice 26-2

Program Notice 26-2

- Name changed from “Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates” to “High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebates”
- Removed program allowances for upgrades for fuel-switching (i.e. replacement of non-electric appliances) and instead allowing rebates for upgrading HVAC and appliances only from existing electric equipment to more efficient electric equipment. HVAC and electric appliances in new construction will continue to be allowable. Complete Fraud, Waste and Abuse Plan blueprint
- Made following Blueprint Plans Optional: Education and Outreach Strategy and Privacy and Security Risk Assessment

IRA Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates

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Where are we now?

- Answered U.S. DOE launch questions – June 30, 2026
- Submitted attestation forms for Program Notice 26-2 – 8/26/2026
- Waiting for conditions to be lifted and negotiations to resume
- Our agreement date ends June 30, 2027

IRA Training for Residential Contractor Training (TREC)

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Timeline:

- Received Conditional Award – January 2025
- January 2025 - July 2026 – No updates from U.S. DOE on TREC program
- August 26, 2026 – Received Program Notice 26-1

Where are we now?

- Illinois is down on list of priorities as we have a conditional award and do not have a launched rebate program
- U.S. DOE indicated there is only one project officer for all 50 states
- Waiting for invite to submit revised application and continue negotiations

Questions?

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