

Request for Information

Home Energy Rebate Programs

Section 50121 – Home Efficiency Rebate Program

Section 50122 – Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate Program

Under Sections 50121 (Home Efficiency Rebate) and 50122 (Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate) of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, as part of the Oklahoma State Energy Office, will be receiving and administering the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Home Energy Rebate Programs (HERP) for Oklahoma. Initial planning guidance was issued by DOE on March 31, 2023, along with the announcement that a small percentage of administrative funds (up to 2.5 percent of Oklahoma’s anticipated allocation for each rebate program) could be awarded upon request. Oklahoma plans to apply for these administration funds and to begin planning for the upcoming rebate funds.

The purpose of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather information, based on the initial DOE guidance released, from potential consultants (that ODOC may be procuring to lead on HERP), stakeholders, and the general public. The information gathered during this RFI process will be used to inform the development of a future solicitation and Request for Proposal (RFP) and the HERPs program designs. This RFI is not a solicitation and ODOC cannot, and will not, promise any vendor who replies to this RFI a contract.

This RFI is seeking to collect information on the following questions and topics for the **Home Efficiency Rebate** program:

1. What qualifications should a contractor have (an entity to assist ODOC staff in management and implementation of the rebate program) and which ones should ODOC list in a solicitation?
2. How should ODOC determine use procedures, for determining the reductions in home energy use resulting from the implementation of a home energy efficiency retrofit that are calibrated to historical energy usage for purposes of modeled performance home rebates (consistent with BPI 2400)?
3. What kind of open-source advanced measurement and verification software should ODOC procure, for determining and documenting the monthly and hourly weathernormalized energy use of a home before and after the implementation of a home energy efficiency retrofit, for purposes of measured performance home rebates?
4. How should ODOC value savings based on time, location, or greenhouse gas emissions?
5. How should ODOC provide for quality monitoring to ensure each home energy efficiency retrofit for which a rebate is provided is documented in a certificate that
 - a. Is provided by the contractor and certified by a third party to the homeowner; and
 - b. Details the work performed, the equipment and materials installed, and the projected energy savings or energy generation to support accurate valuation of the retrofit?
6. What processes will ODOC create to provide a federal rebate of \$200 to a contractor or aggregator for eligible retrofits carried out in a home located in a disadvantaged community?
7. How should disadvantaged community and household be defined?
8. How should ODOC’s processes and procedures ensure that a homeowner or aggregator does not receive a federal rebate for the same single upgrade through both the Home Efficiency Rebates and any other Federal grant or rebate program, including the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates?

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9. How should ODOC ensure that a homeowner or eligible building owner does not receive a federal rebate in excess of the maximum specified rebate amount?
10. How should ODOC determine whether a project qualifies for the elevated refund amounts available to households below 80 percent AMI.
11. What should be ODOC's goals and design priorities for the rebate program?
12. What external stakeholders should be part of rebate program planning and design?
13. What workforce gaps are there in implementing the rebate program?

This RFI is seeking to collect information on the following questions and topics for the **Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate**:

1. What qualifications should a contractor have (an entity to assist ODOC staff in management and implementation of the rebate program) and which ones should ODOC list in a solicitation?
2. How should ODOC verify the income eligibility of eligible entities seeking a rebate for a qualified electrification project?
3. What process shall ODOC implement to allow rebates for qualified electrification projects at the point of sale in a manner that ensures that the income eligibility of an eligible entity seeking a rebate may be verified at the point of sale?
4. How should ODOC's processes and procedures ensure that a homeowner or aggregator does not receive a federal rebate for the same upgrade through both the Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates and any other Federal grant or rebate program, include the Home Efficiency Rebates?
5. How should ODOC ensure that a homeowner or eligible building owner does not receive a federal rebate in excess of the maximum specified rebate amount?
6. How shall ODOC determine whether a project qualifies for the refund amounts available to households below 80% AMI or below 150% AMI.
7. What should be ODOC's goals and design priorities for the rebate program?
8. What external stakeholders should be part of rebate program planning and design?
9. What workforce gaps are there in implementing the rebate program?

Any future Grant awards made under the Home Energy Rebate Programs shall comply with all applicable laws, including regulations contained in:

- 2 CFR Part 200 as amended by 2 CFR Part 910
- 2 CFR Part 25
- 2 CFR Part 170
- 10 CFR Part 1005
- Any future guidance released by DOE pertaining to these rebate programs.

Comments or questions in response to this request for information may be submitted from August 7 – September 15, 2023. To submit comments or inquiries, please send an email to Brooke Andrews at Brooke.Andrews@okcommerce.gov. Written comments, requests for virtual meetings and phone calls are all accepted.

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A public comment session will be held August 23, 2023, at: 10:00 AM.

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It will also be available on Zoom, although in person is encouraged.

Register for the Zoom meeting at this link:

<https://okcommerce.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOuqrzwpG5AOoc4gp2b8aZOjrUv140w>