



[Energy Smart Colorado Rebate Program](https://energysmartcolorado.org/eecbg-home-energy-upgrade-rebates/)

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Eligibility

1. Applicants' residence in Gunnison or Hinsdale County is the primary residence.

AND EITHER

2. Applicant's household gross income is up to 150% of the area median income. 2025 income limits are:

Household Size	Gunnison	Hinsdale
1	\$118,050	\$107,100
2	\$135,000	\$122,400
3	\$151,800	\$137,700
4	\$168,750	\$153,000
5	\$182,250	\$165,300
6	\$195,750	\$177,600
7	\$209,250	\$189,750
8	\$222,750	\$202,050

OR

3. Applicants work as a Community Priority Member in Gunnison or Hinsdale Counties in one of the following fields:
Childcare staff, essential workers, firefighters, police, first responders, ski patrol, front-line lodging staff, local government employees, nonprofit employees, restaurant or retail staff, teachers, school district employees, or live-in workforce housing or deed-restricted homes.

Income verification

- Income will be verified with a household's 1040 tax document, Adjusted Gross Income (AGI).

Work verification

- Provide paystub or similar showing place of work or workforce housing / deed restricted home documentation.

Rebate Details

Eligible households may receive a rebate of up to \$2,000 towards weatherization and \$2,000 towards electrification upgrades recommended by the assessment, up to \$4,000 total.

- Eligible weatherization upgrades include insulation and air sealing measures (sealing up gaps and cracks that let in cold air)
- Eligible electrification measures include electrical upgrades, cold climate heat pumps and heat pump water heaters.
- You will be asked to submit invoices or receipts.
- An ESC home energy assessment is required prior to improvement.
- Improvement must have been recommended in your energy assessment report.
- Rebates are not guaranteed. Rebates are available while funds last.



How to Apply for the Rebate

- Step 1 - [Enroll in and receive a home energy assessment.](https://energysmartcolorado.formstack.com/forms/residential_enrollment)
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- Step 2 - After your home energy assessment, you will receive a detailed report showing recommended energy saving improvements. Decide which of the insulation, air sealing and / or electrification recommendations you'd like to implement (either through a contractor or Do It Yourself (DIY)).
- Step 3 - Complete the eligible work through a contractor or DIY (DIY for weatherization measures only).
- Step 4 - [Apply for your rebate through the rebate application form](https://energysmartcolorado.formstack.com/forms/residential_rebate_application)
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 - Submit the paid invoice as part of the rebate form
 - Submit a before and after picture as part of the rebate form.
- Step 5 - Energy Smart Colorado checks the information and pays the rebate directly to you.

Weatherization Rebate Guidelines (up to \$2,000 total)

Air Sealing

- Air infiltration levels must be measured by a blower door test before and after air sealing
- Air sealing projects must demonstrate at least a 10% air leakage reduction, as measured in CFM50 by a blower door test.
 - Your energy assessment will include a “before” blower door test.
 - After your air sealing is complete, you will need to complete a second blower door test to show the 10% reduction. Schedule a free “after” blower door test with GV-HEAT or your energy analyst to confirm the 10% reduction.
- If the blower door test shows 0.35 or below air changes/hour (NACH) before or after improvement, you are required to meet with an Energy Advisor to understand opportunities for fresh air ventilation and identify existing ventilation present in the home.
- Rebate may cover contractor materials and labor or DIY materials only.

Insulation

- Air sealing must be completed prior to adding insulation (unless your property is already at or below 0.35 Natural Air Changes per Hour (NACH)).
- Insulation projects must reach the following R-values:
 - Attic (roof or floor): R-60
 - Crawlspace Ceiling: R-30
 - Exterior or Crawlspace Walls: R-19
 - Floors (over unconditioned space or cantilever floor): R-30
- Rebate may cover contractor materials and labor or DIY materials only.



Electrification Rebate Guidelines (up to \$2,000 total)

- All electrification improvements must be completed by a qualified contractor.

Cold Climate Heat Pump

- Limited to the installation of cold climate heat pumps.
- HSPF must be > 9.5.
- Must be rated for cold climates and provide heat down to -5°F or lower.
- Load calculation required to right size outside unit and derate for high elevation.
- Must be used as primary heat source in the home.
- Requires proof that either weatherization has already been completed or that a blower door test indicates that the home is at or below 0.35 Natural Air Changes per Hour (NACH).

Heat Pump Water Heater

- Requires proof that either weatherization has already been completed or that a blower door test indicates that the home is at or below 0.35 Natural Air Changes per Hour (NACH).

Electrical Upgrade

- Must demonstrate that the electrification upgrade is needed to allow for the installation of a cold climate heat pump or heat pump hot water heater.
- Invoice must include the purpose of the electrical upgrade.
- Requires proof that either weatherization has already been completed or that a blower door test indicates that the home is at or below 0.35 Natural Air Changes per Hour (NACH).

Questions

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