Influx of Funding for Clean Energy Transformation
Delivering Community Clean Energy
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Low Income Weatherization

- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act “IIJA” (a.k.a. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law “BIL”) provides $3.5 billion for the Dept. of Energy’s WAP
- WAP programs will account for the funds separately from the regular WAP program
LIHEAP

- HHS just released $4.5 billion to the states and territories on Nov. 2, 2022
- Comprised of $3.4 billion for the regular FY ’23 appropriation (note we don’t have a final spending bill yet) + $1 billion from the FY ’23 CR and $100 million from the BIL approps for LIHEAP
- According to NCAF, around $400 million is transferred to state weatherization programs from LIHEAP
High-Efficiency Electric Homes Rebate Act (HEEHRA)

- $4.5 billion in the IRA and available thru Sept., 30, 2031 (Sec. 50122)
- Administered by the Dept. of Energy and runs through the State Energy Office and Indian Tribes
- Targets Low and Moderate Income Households for clean energy rebates (with a point of sale feature)
- Low Income is defined as 80% AMI
- Moderate Income is defined as 150% AMI
# HEEHRA: Details about the qualified electrification project measures

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Timeline for HEEHRA and HOMES

- Nov. ’22 – Jan. ’23: DOE listening session
- DOE RFI expected in early ‘23
- Funds expected to be released to the states and Indian Tribes by Spring ‘23
- Funds available to the public by the end of ‘23
State application to DOE re HEERA will contain:

- A plan for income verification.
- A plan for the point of sale provision (POS) in a manner that provides for income verification at the POS.
- A plan to ensure HEERA rebate isn’t combined with other federal grant or rebate (including HOMES rebate).
- Any additional information DOE may require
Eligible Entity in HEEHRA

- A low- or moderate-income household;
- An individual or entity that owns an MF building where not less than 50% of the residents meet the income eligibility; and
- “a governmental, commercial, or non-profit entity as determined by the Secretary, carrying out a qualified electrification project on behalf of an entity [listed above].”
  - Can receive up to $500 for the installation from the HEERA program.
  - This amount will be discounted from the installation charge, if any, charged to the eligible household or MF owner.
Home Energy Performance-Based, Whole-house (HOMES) Rebate Program

- $4.3 billion in IRA available thru Sept. 30, 2031 (Sec. 50121)
- Administered by the Dept. of Energy and runs through the State Energy Office and Indian Tribes
- HOMES Rebates cover energy efficiency and electrification measures
- Rebates are between $2000 - $4000 for retrofits plus a portion of the project cost for single family homes if savings are above 20% (greater portion of the project costs covered if LMI);
- Rebates are up to $200,000 - $400,000 for MF households if savings are above 20%
- Secretary can increase rebates for LMI households (80% AMI)
- Contractors can receive up to $200 for each home located in a “disadvantaged community”
IRA Tax Credits for Individuals

- Tax Credits and Low-Income Households:
  - Often low-income households have no federal tax liability, so regular tax credits are not very helpful (est. 40% – 50% pre-pandemic had no fed tax liability)

- Workarounds:
  - Refundability
  - Transferability (but with some cautions)
Some IRA Tax Credits for Individuals

- §25E – Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit
- §25D – Residential Clean Energy Credit
- §30D – EV Credit for new cars
- §25E - EV Credit for used cars
- §30C – EV Charging ("Alternative Fuel Refueling Property Credit")
IIJA/BIL’s Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)

- Pre-pandemic, 1 in 3 unbanked households did not have a smartphone and 2 out of 3 unbanked households did not have home broadband. *Source 2019 FDIC Survey of Household Use of Banking and Financial Services.*
  - Implications for smart technologies and access to EV charging

- IIJA/BIL provided $14.2 billion for low-income broadband affordability with the ACP
ACP

- For eligible low-income households, the ACP provides *up to 30/month* for broadband service (*up to $75/month* for households on Tribal lands).

- The ACP also provides a one-time discount of *up to $100 off a connected device* (laptop, desktop, or tablet).

- Households can combine ACP with Lifeline; apply for just ACP or just Lifeline, or apply for ACP and Lifeline through separate providers.
How to apply for ACP

- **IMPORTANT** – There are **Two-Steps** to Enroll
  - Go to Affordableconnectivity.gov to submit an application or print out a mail-in application
    - For more info on free/low-cost internet plans see: Getinternet.gov or NDIA’s www.digitalinclusion.org/free-low-cost-internet-plans/
  - Some providers may have an *alternative application* that they will ask you to complete.

**AND**

- Contact your preferred participating provider to select a plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

*Eligible households must *both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.*
Thank you!

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