

# ARKANSAS HOME ENERGY REBATES PROGRAM WEBINAR

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# AGENDA

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- ✓ WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS
- ✓ PROGRAM OVERVIEW
- ✓ TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

# WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS



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# INTRODUCTION

- ✔ The Arkansas Energy Office (AEO) is a part of the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment and promotes energy efficiency, clean technology, and sustainable strategies that encourage economic development, energy security, and the environmental well-being of Arkansas' businesses, communities, and citizens.
- ✔ AEO has oversight of federal-assistance programs like the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and state initiatives such as Arkansas Energy Performance Contracting.
- ✔ AEO is tasked with leading Arkansas's application and program design for the U.S. Department of Energy's (U.S. DOE's) Home Energy Rebates Program, per the U.S. DOE guidelines.

## PLEASE NOTE

- ✔ There is a quick public input survey at the end of this webinar. We welcome your input and will accept responses until November 6.
- ✔ This webinar recording and webinar slides will be **posted** to the Arkansas Energy and Environment website.

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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# HOME ENERGY REBATES PROGRAM OVERVIEW



## WHAT IS THE HOME ENERGY REBATES PROGRAM?

The Home Energy Rebates Program is funded by the U.S. DOE and provides grant funding to states to create rebate programs for energy-efficiency improvements in low- and moderate-income homes. The U.S. DOE allocated \$105 million to Arkansas for a statewide program. While there are some federal requirements that apply to all states, each state is allocated a unique amount of funding from U.S. DOE to design their own program tailored to state needs and priorities. In Arkansas, the program would be implemented through the AEO.



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE REBATES PROGRAM?

The purpose of the program is to reduce the cost of energy efficiency projects to low- and moderate-income households. Eligible projects such as installing high efficiency heating or cooling equipment or weatherizing the home through air sealing and insulation can reduce home energy use and energy costs.



## WHAT ARE SOME OF THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS PER U.S. DOE GUIDELINES?

- Low-income (below 80% area median income\*) and moderate-income (between 80% and 150% area median income\*) households are eligible to apply for rebates.
- Single family households and multifamily buildings are eligible to apply for rebates.
- States must allow automatic eligibility to apply for this program for citizens in select federal low-income programs.

\*Area median income is calculated annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and adjusts for household size.

# ARKANSAS PROGRAM DESIGN OBJECTIVES

The Home Energy Rebates Program aims to **maximize** the most **impactful** energy efficiency measures in a **flexible** and **simple** program.

01

WHOLE  
HOME  
RETROFITS

02

MAXIMIZE  
IMPACT

03

FLEXIBILITY  
FOR  
RESIDENTS

04

SIMPLICITY  
OF  
PROGRAM





# POTENTIAL HOME ENERGY REBATE MEASURES

Energy efficiency upgrades reduce the energy usage in your home. Here are examples of potential energy efficiency upgrades that could qualify for rebates under this program:

## POTENTIAL MEASURES PER U.S. DOE GUIDELINES

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| • Heat Pump for Space Heating/Cooling | • Insulation, Air Sealing, Ventilation |
| • Natural Gas Furnace                 | • Natural Gas Stove                    |
| • Heat Pump Water Heater              | • Electric Stove                       |
| • Electric Load Service Center        | • Heat Pump Clothes Dryer              |
| • Electric Wiring                     | • Natural Gas Clothes Dryer            |

## REQUIREMENTS PER U.S. DOE GUIDELINES

Appliances must be <b>ENERGY STAR certified</b> . Check the list <a href="#">here</a> .	Total rebate amount <b>cannot exceed</b> total actual project costs.	Limited by federal rebate <b>caps on total rebate amount</b> per household.	With limited exceptions, projects must <b>meet minimum energy savings targets</b> .
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## POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL STATE REQUIREMENTS

A **Qualified Contractor** must perform installation(s).















# LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD INCOME QUALIFICATION EXAMPLES

AMI describes the midpoint of a geographical area's household income and varies by household size. The U.S. DOE considers low-income households to be those earning less than 80% of Area Median Income.

Check the 80% AMI limit for your county and household size using the U.S. DOE's AMI tables: [Area Median Income Tables | Department of Energy](#)

## Income Examples













<b>Example 1:</b>	 Benton County	 Household of 4	 Annual Income of \$70,000	<	80% AMI Limit of \$75,500	 Low-Income
<b>Example 2:</b>	 Benton County	 Household of 3	 Annual Income of \$70,000	>	80% AMI Limit of \$67,950	 Not Low-Income
<b>Example 3:</b>	 Sebastian County	 Household of 2	 Annual Income of \$40,000	<	80% AMI Limit of \$42,600	 Low-Income

# MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLD INCOME QUALIFICATION EXAMPLES

AMI describes the midpoint of a geographical area's household income and varies by household size. The U.S. DOE considers moderate-income households to be those earning between 80% and 150% of Area Median Income.

Check the 150% AMI limit for your county and household size using the U.S. DOE's AMI tables: [Area Median Income Tables](#) | [Department of Energy](#)

## Income Examples

<b>Example 1:</b>	 Benton County	 Household of 3	80% AMI Limit of \$67,950	<	 Annual Income of \$70,000	<	150% AMI Limit of \$127,450	 Moderate-Income
<b>Example 2:</b>	 Sebastian County	 Household of 2	80% AMI Limit of \$42,600	<	 Annual Income of \$50,000	<	150% AMI Limit of \$97,800	 Moderate-Income
<b>Example 3:</b>	 Sebastian County	 Household of 2			 Annual Income of \$100,000	>	150% AMI Limit of \$97,800	 Not Moderate-Income

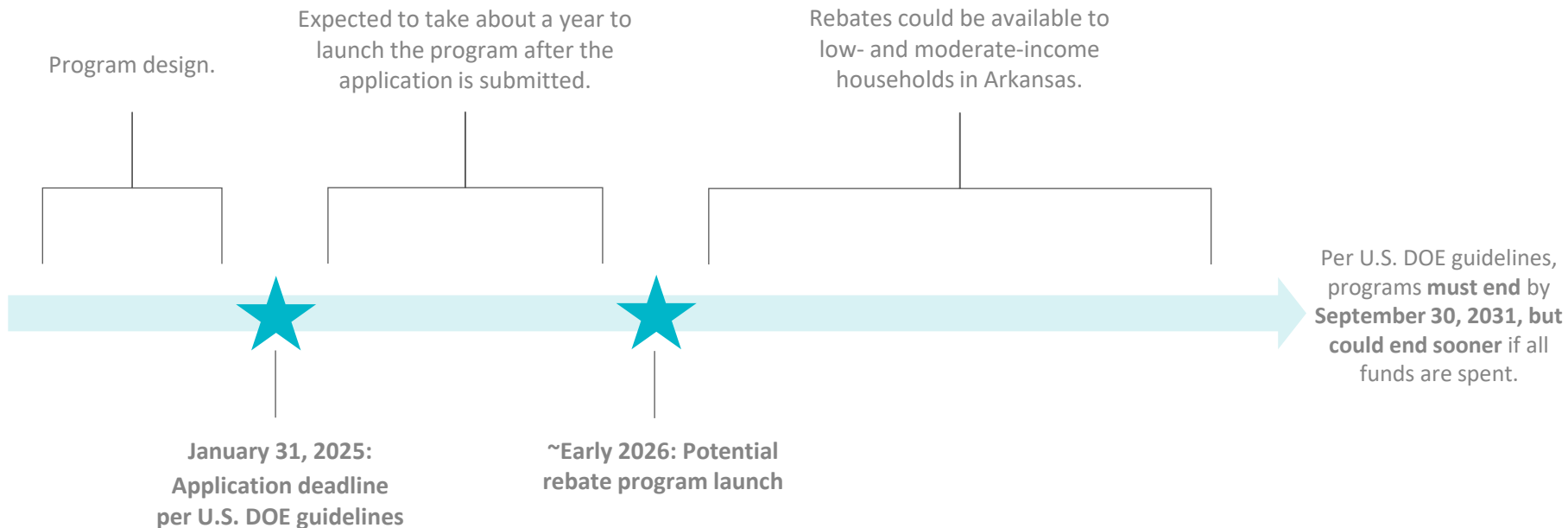
# TIMELINE



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# PROPOSED TIMELINE

*AEO is still considering program options, and this timeline is **tentative**.*



# NEXT STEPS



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# NEXT STEPS

- We will **post the webinar recording** and **webinar slides** on the AEO website.
- The AEO will **review all the survey responses** and **emails**. We will post answers to the **Frequently Asked Questions** section on the AEO website.
- AEO will continue exploring program options and provide further information as it is available. [Please register](#) for our **email list** to receive up-to-date information regarding the Home Energy Rebates Program.



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**We'd like your feedback!** Please complete our public feedback survey: [forms.office.com/g/XLdUxGPqgW](https://forms.office.com/g/XLdUxGPqgW). This survey should take about **3 minutes** to complete. The survey is **open until November 6**.

Additionally, you can send feedback/questions to **Home.Energy.Rebates@arkansas.gov** until **November 6**.



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