



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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State and Federal Energy Efficiency Programs Overview

Whole Home Repairs
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Least Cost Procurement (Energy Efficiency) Law History

- The General Assembly passed the Least Cost Procurement (LCP) law in 2006. The LCP law is the framework for the state's annual energy efficiency programs and implementation.
- "Least cost procurement" requires that the utility pursues energy efficiency measures that are lower in cost than buying additional energy.
- The General Assembly extended the LCP law and state energy efficiency programs during the 2015 and 2021 legislative sessions.
- The state's LCP law and associated state energy efficiency programs were administered by National Grid from 2007 through 2022. Rhode Island Energy now administers the program.
- The state's energy efficiency programs play an important role in the state's electric and thermal goals to meet emission reduction requirements with Act on Climate.



Home Energy Assessment Blower Door Test

What is energy efficiency?

Energy efficiency is using less energy to achieve the same result.



INSULATION



HEAT PUMPS



APPLIANCES

Other examples: lighting, air sealing, water heating and windows

State Residential Energy Efficiency Program Incentives

- Weatherization (insulation and air sealing)
- Appliances
- Gas and electric space heating/cooling equipment
- Gas and electric water heating equipment
- Windows
- New construction/renovation technical assistance and associated incentives
- **Note:** For income-eligible households, many of these services are available at no cost
- Rhode Island Energy offers a \$250 incentive to “market-rate” customers who certify that pre-weatherization barriers have been remediated. The incentive can also be used to address lower cost barriers like heating system cleaning and tuning.

Clean Heat Rhode Island (CHRI) Program

- The Office of Energy Resources (OER) launched the CHRI Program in September 2023 with \$25 million in federal funding (American Rescue Plan Act). The funding was requested in Governor McKee's FY23 State Budget and supported by the General Assembly.
- OER relaunched the CHRI Program in July 2025 with the updated program focused on low and moderate-income households with \$10 million in Regional Greenhouse Gas (RGGI) funding. OER will be allocating a minimum of \$5 million from the annual RGGI Program to support the CHRI Program long-term.
- Here is the link to the CHRI Program: [Home - Clean Heat Rhode Island](#) and the program statistics: [Clean Heat Rhode Island Statistics | Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources](#)

CHRI Program Results: September 2023 - Present

Incentive Type	\$\$ of Incentives Issued	Quantity of Incentives Issued	Final Incentive Issued
Low Income	\$6.1M	363	Nov/Dec 2025
Market Rate Residential	\$10.4M	4,017	May 2025
Commercial/Non-Profit	\$4.0M	193	April 2025
CHRI-ARPA: Total	\$20.6	4,573	
CHRI-RGGI	\$741,950	79	n/a

CHRI Program: Eligibility & Equipment Offered

Incentive Type	Eligibility	Equipment Offered
Low Income	<60% AMI; weatherized; oil and propane	Air-source heat pumps; heat pump water heaters; electric panel upgrade (adder only)
Market Rate Residential	Oil, propane % natural gas	Air- and ground-source heat pumps; heat pump water heaters; electric panel upgrade (adder only)
Commercial/Non-Profit	<\$20M annual revenue for private commercial; non-profits were unrestricted	Air- and ground-source, heat pump water heaters
CHRI-RGGI	<150% AMI; weatherization required; oil, propane, natural gas	Air-source; heat pump water heaters; air-to-water (case-by-case)



CHRI Program: Low-Income Process



Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR) Program

- OER launched the HEAR Program in September 2023.
- Program is administered by OER and provides \$32 million (federal funds) in home energy and electrification upgrades.
- Program is limited to low- and moderate-income households.
- Offering energy efficient electric cooking appliance and heat pump clothes dryer upgrades.
- Also offering funding for wiring work and electrical panel upgrades.
- As of October 2025, the program has provided over 500 rebates for appliances and electric system upgrades and OER has over 200 projects in the queue.



Questions/Comments