

Community Efficiency Grant application

The Community Efficiency Grant is available to nonprofit businesses that provide critical community services and income qualified multifamily properties. The grant offers an additional incentive equal to 100% of the standard rebate. The combined grant and standard rebate can cover up to the total cost of an efficiency upgrade project. Standard rebate caps and requirements apply. To receive grant funds, the project must be preapproved after January 1, 2026, and completed with all final paperwork submitted before November 15, 2026. Grant funding is limited and subject to availability. Not all rebates are eligible, see the [Program Guide](#) for complete eligibility details.

Instructions for use:

1. Verify your organization meets the eligibility requirements listed below.
2. Complete the following grant application.
3. Submit this application for preapproval alongside the Efficiency Works Business rebate application.

Applicant information (*indicates a required field)

Contact name*

Contact Title*

Business name*

Doing business as (if applicable)

Contact phone number*

Contact email address*

Site address*

City*

State*

Zip*

Serving electric utility*

Serving water utility

Eligibility requirements:

Businesses that provide critical local community services

Your organization is an IRS 501(c)3 nonprofit in good standing with the State of Colorado. Organizations must be listed on the State of Colorado charity search at www.coloradosos.gov/ccsa/pages/search/basic.xhtml. Registration ID: _____

Your organization is a community service provider, defined as a nonprofit tax-exempt entity whose core mission is to provide one of the following critical community services (please select all that apply):

Childcare centers in dedicated commercial spaces
Community centers
Disability service providers
Domestic violence centers
Emergency services organizations
Family support organizations
Food pantries

Homeless shelters
Immigration service providers
Job training and workforce development services
Libraries not owned by a town or municipal government
Mental and behavioral health facilities
Rehabilitation providers
Women's or children's shelters

Other - if there are additional eligibility considerations, please tell us why your business/organization should be considered for this grant:

Multifamily properties

Your multifamily property has 5 or more residential units per building, has a commercial electric meter on site, and 66% or more of your resident population is at or below 80% of area median income or rents are limited to the CHFA 80% area median income rent limit of the county in which the property is located. Verification of income qualification is completed by Energy Outreach Colorado. Please see the reference section on page two for more information about how income or rent verification is completed.

By checking this box, I confirm that I can verify the selected eligibility requirement(s) upon request and that I agree with the terms and conditions as listed on the Efficiency Works Business rebate application. *Signatures must be verified e-signatures or wet signatures.

Signature*

Date*



Community Efficiency Grant eligibility reference

The following page contains additional guidance and expectations around eligibility for the Community Efficiency Grant (CEG). Eligibility for the CEG is at the discretion of Efficiency Works program implementation staff. Any additional requests for documentation or justification for eligibility must be accommodated to receive the additional funding. Failure to provide additional documentation or justification when requested will result in rejection of the grant application. If an organization is deemed ineligible for the CEG, the standard incentive offerings are still available provided that all offering eligibility rules and requirements are met.

Non-profit business eligibility:

Eligible non-profit businesses will be listed on the State of Colorado's charity search at www.coloradosos.gov/ccsa/pages/search/basic.xhtml and provide one of the critical community services listed on the Community Efficiency Grant application.

- Providing a registration ID is required to ensure that the organization can be easily found and to avoid confusion about a public facing entity name as opposed to the legally registered entity name. If the name on the State of Colorado's charity search does not match that on the CEG application, please provide an explanation for the difference in writing along with the application.
- Critical community services should be foundational to the non-profit's mission and provided directly by the organization applying for the CEG. Engaging in critical community services a few times annually or allowing other organizations to use facilities a few times annually to provide critical community services will not be eligible.
- If critical community services are only provided using a portion of the facility applying for the CEG, only that portion of the facilities' energy projects will be eligible for the additional grant funding. A separate application will be required to be submitted for the non-critical community service areas of the facility.
- If selecting the "other" option for non-profit eligibility, a written description of the non-profit's critical community service functions and which parts of the applying facility are used for these services will be required.

Multifamily property eligibility:

Eligible multifamily properties must have 5 or more residential units per building, a commercial electric meter served by an eligible electric utility on site, and 66% or more of the resident population at or below 80% of area median income (AMI) or rents that are limited to the CHFA 80% area median income rent limit of the county in which the property is located. Verification of income qualification is completed by Energy Outreach Colorado on behalf of Efficiency Works. After the Efficiency Works Business incentive application is reviewed for accuracy and eligibility of products, Energy Outreach Colorado will reach out to the customer to collect the below verification documentation. For questions about income qualification please reach out to multifamily@energyoutreach.org for more information.

Three pathways exist by which multifamily properties may satisfy the eligibility requirement for CEG qualification:

Proof of income restriction for formally restricted properties, such as:

- Public Housing - housing owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance (Section 8, Section 202, Section 811)
- Privately owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or PHAs
- Section 42 Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)
- Documented Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) or Deed Restriction that can clearly be compared to the AMI thresholds

Rent-based qualification according to county-level data from Colorado Housing and Finance Authority (CHFA):

- To qualify, 66% or more of residential rental units must be at or below the 80% AMI maximum rent values on [CHFA's most recently published income and rent limit table](#) for the county where the property is located. Area median income tables can be found [on CHFA's website](#).
 - Rent values up to 5% above the CHFA limits may be accepted if the applicant submits a supplemental statement describing the reasoning and/or justification for the higher rent values.

- Applicants must fill out and submit the accompanying CEG rent roll sheet for all residential rental units at the project site. To request a blank copy of the CEG rent roll sheet, please email business@efficiencyworks.org.
- Applicants must submit verification of the rent values on the rent roll sheet, such as:
 - Publicly available or posted rent values for each unit type
 - Vacancy postings/advertisements from within the past one (1) year for each unit type

Income reporting for individual households with backup documentation consistent to [Colorado's Affordable Residential Energy \(CARE\) program](#):

Income reporting must be supplied for at least 70% of the total number of units. No particular form of income reporting back-up documentation is required; documentation may vary by unit. Examples of qualifying and non-qualifying back-up documentation configurations are outlined below for a 100-unit multifamily property. Area median income tables can be found [on CHFA's website](#).

- Enrollment in one or more of the following programs by any household member will qualify the unit:
 - Aid to the Blind (AB)
 - Aid to the Needy Disabled (AND)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Old Age Pension (OAP)
 - Section 8 Voucher
 - Women, Infant, and Children (WIC)
 - Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF)
 - LEAP (Utility Bill Assistance)
- If not enrolled in any of above programs, the following paperwork will be accepted as backup of proof of income. Only household incomes at or below 80% of area median income based on household size will qualify the unit:
 - Most recent Tax Return-IRS Form 1040
 - Wages of Tax Statement W-2
 - Most recent income (1 pay stub dated within one calendar year of grant application)
 - Retirement Benefits Letter
 - Letter from Employer
 - Social Security Income (SSI)
 - Social Security Disability Income (SSDI)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

Income Qualification Examples:

Example multifamily property income qualification scenarios are outlined in the following table. The four examples outlined in Table 1 are each for 100-unit properties and showcase a variety of combinations of back-up documentation scenarios. Income reporting must be supplied for at least 70% of the total number of units and at least 66% of units with submitted back-up documentation must meet CEG income qualification requirements. Examples 1-3 meet the qualification criteria and example 4 does not meet the minimum number of qualifying units.

Total # of units at example property applying for grant:	100
# of units required to report for CEG eligibility (70%):	70
Minimum # of required units that must meet CEG requirements:	46

	Example 1	Example 2	Example 3	Example 4
Section 8	21	8	6	3
Paystub	5	32	56	4
WIC	7	14	3	0
SNAP	6	6	0	0
OAP	3	1	0	6
LEAP	7	1	0	12
Total Units:	49	62	65	25