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The **Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE)** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization committed to reducing carbon pollution and enhancing the resilience of our local communities in Pitkin, Eagle, and Garfield Counties. Through funding and expertise, CORE provides energy efficiency and electrification solutions for homes and businesses, supporting our residents and local economy. As we navigate a changing climate, CORE is dedicated to creating a healthier, more sustainable built environment where all community members can thrive.

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Residential Rebate Minimum Qualifications

Residential rebates are available for all single-family homes and individual units in multifamily buildings within Pitkin and Garfield Counties, as well as the Roaring Fork Valley portion of Eagle County. To qualify, projects must be completed in 2026 with operating equipment, and households must submit all required documentation. Home energy assessments are strongly encouraged before or in conjunction with all projects and rebates. CORE rebates will be calculated at up to 50% of the total project price, up to a specified fixed amount (detailed below). Households have 90 days from their final project invoice date to complete all project verification requirements. See Incentive Rules at the end of this document for full details.

Residential Rebate General Classifications

- Residential rebates are broken down into five categories:
 - **Home Energy Assessments**
 - **Building Envelope Upgrades**
 - **Appliances and Controls Upgrades**
 - **Cold Climate Heat Pump Installation**
 - **New Construction**
- CORE offers different rebate amounts for Standard and Community Priority Participants (CPP). Please refer to the Incentive Rules section at the end of this document for the full list of Community Priority Participant qualifications.
- CORE will pre-approve rebates for a limited time period if all requirements are met. Please check the pre-approval option on the rebate application.

- CORE incentives from each of the four main categories (excluding new construction) can be stacked. An individual household can claim the full rebate amount in each category once per calendar year.

Home Energy Assessments

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Cost of Home Energy Assessment</u>
Standard Participant	\$100 participant copay
CPP (definition in Appendix)	Free

- A home energy assessment is the place to start for all projects and will help the participant and CORE identify the most beneficial energy-efficiency projects for your home. If you have already completed a project, please consider completing a home energy assessment follow-up.
- A report and recommendations will be provided, and CORE's Energy Concierge will assist with identifying priority efficiency upgrades.
- Home Energy Assessments must be completed by a certified HERS rater listed on CORE's website as an approved contractor.

Building Envelope Upgrades

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
Standard Participant	50% of the project cost up to \$2,500
CPP (definition in Appendix)	50% of the project cost up to \$5,000

Air Sealing Improvements

- Air sealing rebates can be applied to the following project areas:
 - Quick-fix air sealing, building envelope air sealing, and ductwork air sealing
- Quick-fix air sealing requirements:

- For simple/DIY home envelope air-sealing projects, such as weatherstripping around doors and windows, simply provide documentation of the materials and project costs—no blower door tests required.
- Building envelope air sealing requirements:
 - A home energy assessment, including pre- and post-project blower door testing, is required for all home envelope air sealing projects that go beyond quick-fix improvements.
 - CORE will provide a rebate for one home energy assessment and include the cost of the second blower door test in the project rebate.
 - Radon testing is recommended before project design.
 - Air leakage must be reduced by 10% or more, as measured in ACH50 by a blower door test, unless a pre-project blower door test shows the Natural Air Changes per Hour (NACH) is 0.35 or lower.
 - The 2021 IECC Codes require homes with an NACH result of 0.35 or less to install mechanical ventilation. Documentation of a mechanical ventilation system will be required for homes that meet this standard when applying for a rebate.
- Ductwork air sealing requirements:
 - A home energy assessment is required for all ductwork air-sealing projects.
 - Must demonstrate a 10% improvement in ductwork CFM measurements
 - Repair any damaged and disconnected ducts and straighten out flexible ducts that are tangled or crushed
 - Seal all leaks and connections with mastic, metal tape, or an aerosol-based sealant
 - Seal all registers and grills tightly to the ducts
- Ductwork air sealing recommendations:
 - Evaluate your system's supply & return air balance, to ensure air return ducts are not too small
 - Replace filters after any duct system improvement
 - If you have natural gas appliances, ensure there is no back drafting by getting a CAZ (combustion appliance zone) safety test after ducts are sealed

Insulation Improvements

- Insulation rebates can be applied to the following project areas:
 - Roofs, attics, walls, crawlspaces, floors, pipes, ducts
- CORE strongly recommends completing air sealing in conjunction with insulation improvement projects
- Home energy assessments are strongly recommended but not required for insulation rebates
- For roof or siding replacements, rebate amounts will be calculated based on the insulation-specific cost, not the total project cost. Insulation costs must be broken out on the invoice
- Insulation improvement requirements
 - The project must demonstrate the following improved R value:
 - Roof: R-60
 - Floor over unconditioned space, cantilevered floor: R-30
 - Exterior or crawlspace walls: R-20
- Ductwork Insulation
 - Insulate ducts to R-12 or higher in unconditioned areas (attics/crawlspaces/garages)
- Pipe Insulation
 - Install standard pipe insulation on all exposed domestic hot water and radiant supply pipes.

Appliances and Controls

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
Standard Participant	50% of the project cost up to \$2,500
CPP (definition in Appendix)	50% of the project cost up to \$5,000

Heat Pump Water Heating

- Installation of any new heat pump water heater is eligible for a rebate
- Heat pump water heaters must be Energy-Star certified with electric resistance backup

<https://www.energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-water-heaters/results>

Induction Range

- Installation of any new induction range is eligible for a rebate:
 - For all participants: CORE will rebate up to 50% of the cost of induction-range equipment, up to a \$750 cap.
 - The Appliances and Controls Rebate may be stacked with the induction range equipment cost rebate and applied to installation costs or to additional appliance and controls projects.

Ventilation System

- Ventilation system rebates can be applied to the following project areas:
 - Installation or replacement of an Energy Recovery Ventilator (ERV) or Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV)
- Must deliver fresh (supply) air to the main living/work space and each bedroom/office, at a minimum
- The installation location allows for easy service and filter maintenance
- All ductwork must be sealed and insulated, or located in a conditioned space
- Equipment must be Energy Star-rated and meet all of the following:
 - SRE (Sensible Recovery Efficiency) at 75% or higher
 - Be equipped with electrically commutated fan motors (ECMs)
 - Cold climate rated with demonstrated operation to -13°F

Smart Electric Improvements

- Electrical upgrades that are not part of an electrification project
 - Must demonstrate that the goal is to work toward full electrification and that electrical upgrades are necessary to facilitate that.
- Smart Panels / Energy Management Systems
 - Must demonstrate that the smart panel is being installed to allow for electrification of heating system, domestic water heating system, EV charging, or cooking
- Smart Breaker / Smart Load Controller / Scheduling Device
 - A certified energy management device allowing loads to share the breaker output circuit safely

- Smart load controller with the ability to schedule load off-peak
 - Includes water heater controllers, pool, and spa controls

Control System Upgrades

- Replacing constant-temperature thermostats with a smart or programmable thermostat
- Changing the supply temperature of a boiler or water heater based on outdoor temperature (“outdoor temperature reset”)
- Replacing a constant-speed motor or pump with a variable-speed replacement
- Adding or improving a Building Automation Systems (BAS), aka Building Management Systems (BMS)
- Retrocommissioning existing systems
- Tune-ups on existing systems
- Heat Tape Controls: will need an estimate for the number of feet of heat tape to be controlled
 - Must be a timer, temperature/precipitation sensor, or other advanced control system

Aspen Electric EV Charging

- Only available to Aspen Electric customers
- The rate is per charger, for Level 2 only, with a \$550 cap per individual home.

Cold Climate Heat Pump Heating System

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
Standard Participant	50% of the project cost up to \$7,500
<u>CPP</u> (definition in Appendix)	50% of the project cost up to \$10,000

Cold Climate Heat Pump Space Heating

- The following heat pump projects are eligible for a rebate:
 - Includes (ducted or ductless) air source, ground source, water to water, and air to water
 - Design costs and electrical capacity upgrade costs associated with a completed heat pump project will be included in the project cost used to determine the rebate.
- Requirements for Cold Climate Air Source Heat Pumps
 - Must be used for space heating, and must be the primary heating source for the residence. It may be used for space cooling.
 - The outdoor unit must be elevated at least 12 inches off the ground to defrost properly.
 - Unit must be rated for cold climate (-5° or lower heating capability)
 - If the system is dual-fuel, proof must be provided that the switchover temperature is no greater than 5 degrees. New fossil fuel heating system project costs will not be included in the rebate and must be broken out on the invoice.
 - Heat pump efficiency rating
 - Ducted heat pump
 - HSPF2 must be greater than or equal to 9
 - Ductless mini-split heat pump
 - HSPF2 must be greater than or equal to 10
- The following types of heat pump systems will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the CORE staff's discretion:
 - Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF)
 - Packaged heat pumps (Roof Top Units, etc.)

- PTACs / VTACs

Snowmelt

- Replacing an existing fossil-fuel-heated snowmelt system with a heat pump.
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- New Construction and Major Renovations

Design Assistance and Commissioning

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
Standard Participant	50% of the project cost up to \$2,500
CPP (definition in Appendix)	50% of the project cost up to \$5,000

- CORE offers design assistance and commissioning incentives for the following (this incentive may be combined with an All-Electric New Construction incentive):
 - Projects must be major renovations or new construction. Pre-approval is required
 - Energy modeling or engineering peer review
 - Pre-approval by CORE is required
 - The report must be shared with CORE
 - Commissioning when not required by code
 - The commissioning engineer's report and proof of implementing recommendations must be provided

All-Electric New Construction

<u>Participant Type</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>
Standard Participant	50% of the project cost up to \$10,000
CPP (definition in Appendix)	50% of the project cost up to \$20,000

- CORE offers a new construction incentive for all-electric individual homes without natural gas lines that use heat pump technology for all space and water heating and heat recovery technology for fresh air ventilation.
 - Space- and water-heating equipment specifications must meet the requirements listed above.
 - Induction cooktop required.
 - Rebates will be paid up to 50% (corresponding to % of contract value invoiced and paid) once the equipment is purchased. The remaining rebate amount will be released after the Certificate of Occupancy is issued (must provide a copy). Proof of invoice and payment is also required.
 - The final All-Electric New Construction rebate amount is within the CORE staff's discretion and may be adjusted based on the installed equipment.

Custom Rebates

- Custom Rebates will be considered, at the discretion of CORE staff, for projects that do not fall within the project types above but do produce meaningful energy savings.
- Emerging Technology Rebate- We will award this custom rebate on a case-by-case basis for pilot projects that could have a significant impact on carbon reduction and would be replicable in the future.

Incentive Rules

- Rebates are subject to change and/or discontinuation without notice. Funding is limited. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Total project cost definition
 - The total project cost is defined as all reasonable* costs associated with an eligible project. Tax, travel, mileage, and permit expenses may be considered to be included in the project total cost, at CORE staff's discretion. *At the CORE staff's discretion
 - For example, drywall and painting costs associated with replacing baseboard heat with a wall-hung heat pump would be included in the total project cost.
 - Electric capacity upgrade costs as part of projects are included in the electrification or efficiency project; the capacity upgrade cost is not considered a separate project.
- For permitted projects, all rebates apply only to project scope and costs beyond code requirements.
- Detailed invoices and receipts for purchases and work performed must be furnished.
- Rebate application and associated receipts and invoices must be received no later than 90 days from the purchase date or the documented completion of the project.
 - CORE staff are allowed to make exceptions
- Rebate checks will be distributed within 4-6 weeks of receiving the completed rebate application.
- Rebated equipment must be installed before applying for a rebate. CORE reserves the right to inspect the installation premises.
 - CORE can, in some circumstances, pay the contractor the initial deposit, with them agreeing to pay us back if the project is not completed
- CORE is not liable or responsible for any act or omission of any party, consumer, or contractor whatsoever.
- CORE reserves the right to refuse payment and participation if the consumer or contractor violates program rules and procedures.
- CORE is not liable for rebates promised to consumers due to a contractor's misrepresentation of the program.

- Equipment must meet the technical requirements listed in the application forms. CORE reserves the right to withhold payment for products that do not meet the requirements.
- Rebates will be awarded based on the fair and reasonable price of equipment and labor. CORE reserves the right to adjust the rebate based on a price commensurate with the extent and complexity of the services/equipment to be provided and comparable to the price paid by entities for projects of similar scope and complexity.
- Gas/Electric utility account(s) name and number, and a consent form to provide CORE with usage data for 12 months before the project completion date and ongoing thereafter, are required.
- Rebates may be assigned to the contractor completing the project, and this credit must be shown on the invoices.

Community Priority Participants (CPP) Criteria

- Childcare facility or Childcare facility staff
 - Qualification
 - Facilities: on a case-by-case basis
 - Staff: a recent pay stub
- School facility or School staff
 - Qualification
 - Facilities: on a case-by-case basis
 - Staff: a recent pay stub
- Nonprofit facility of Nonprofit staff
 - Facilities: on a case-by-case basis
 - Staff: a recent pay stub
- Local government facility or Local government staff
 - Facilities: on a case-by-case basis
 - Staff: a recent pay stub
- Veteran or Active Military
 - Qualification: Driver's license or Military ID
- First responder facility or first responder staff
 - Facilities: on a case-by-case basis
 - Staff: a recent pay stub
- Healthcare Workers
 - Nurses, Doctors, Hospital workers
 - Can submit ID or pay stubs
- All APCHA and TOSV Housing households and multifamily buildings.

- Exception: APCA Resident Owned (RO) category households must
- Demonstrate an income of 150% of the county AMI or lower.*
- APCA Qualification: Screenshot and a piece of mail addressed to the same address and the applicant's name(s).
- TOSV Qualification: TBD
- Other workforce housing residents and multifamily buildings
 - An individual home/condo with an enforceable commitment to house workforce for employers within the county.
 - A multifamily building with an enforceable commitment for 50% or more of units to house the workforce for employers within the county.
 - Qualification on a case-by-case basis
- Other income-qualified residents and multifamily buildings
 - An individual home/condo occupied by residents with an income of 150% of the county AMI or lower.*
 - A multifamily building with 50% or more of units occupied by households with an income of 150% of the county AMI or lower.*
 - Qualification on a case-by-case basis
- Building Performance Contractors

*Income reported to CORE in a signed statement from the residents' employer(s), or through the most recent year's tax return for self-employed individuals.