

DOEE Information Session REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS (RFA)

Efficient Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods Initiative

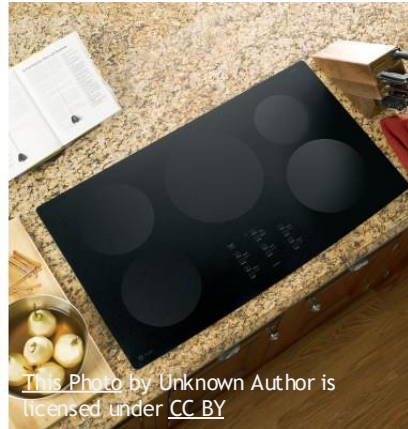
Application Deadline: 06/05/2026 at 11:59 p.m.



Background: Residential Electrification & Neighborhood Electrification

Electrification involves converting from a fuel burning system to an energy-efficient electric alternative.

Electrification can also provide non-energy benefits, such as cleaner indoor air, the potential for lower utility bills, and more comfortable living conditions.



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Background: Existing DC Plans & Policies to Decarbonize Residential Buildings

As the [benchmarking requirements](#) ratchet down in square footage over time, buildings will be subject to the BEPS Program as follows:

1. **BEPS Period 1** Private buildings $\geq 50,000$ ft² and DC-owned $\geq 10,000$ ft²
2. **BEPS Period 2** Private buildings $\geq 25,000$ ft² and DC-owned $\geq 10,000$ ft²
3. **BEPS Period 3** Private buildings and DC-owned $\geq 10,000$ ft²

BEPS 1:

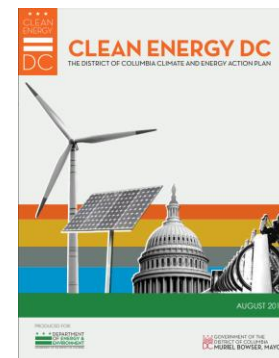
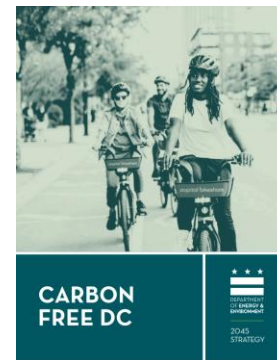
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BEPS 2:

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and DC-owned $> 10,000$ sq. ft.

BEPS 3:

Private buildings and
DC-owned $> 10,000$ sq. ft.



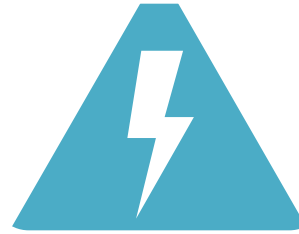
Background: Existing DC Assistance Programs to Decarbonize Residential Buildings



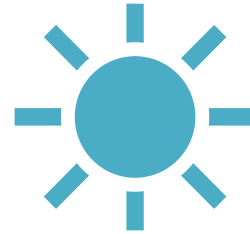
Affordable Housing
Retrofit Accelerator
(AHRA)



Affordable Home
Electrification
Program (AHEP)



Residential
Electrification
Rebates



Solar for All



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COLUMBIA
SUSTAINABLE
ENERGY UTILITY**



Efficient Affordable Resilient Neighborhoods RFA

Available Funding: \$366,200

Funding Source: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law State Energy Program

Deadline: 06-05-2026 at 11:59pm

The purpose of this grant is to engage neighborhood residents, commercial businesses, and other stakeholders in the development of a neighborhood deployment plan for neighborhood-scale electrification and clean energy implementation that, if implemented, improves energy efficiency, affordability, and resilience outcomes in one or two District of Columbia neighborhoods

The applicant may work with other entities.

Insurance requirements in appendix 6, posted on webpage:

<https://doee.dc.gov/node/1760376>

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Project Description

The grantee will develop a plan to strategically coordinate energy interventions in specific neighborhoods to further realize energy efficiency, affordability, and resiliency benefits.

The grantee will develop the following:

1. Neighborhood(s) Selection - Propose one or two neighborhoods to explore for electrification based on criteria in RFA
2. Measure Community Benefits of Electrification Upgrades - Propose community targets for resilience and an approach for evaluating cost savings from neighborhood electrification.
3. Engagement and Education - Outreach Plan
4. Developing the Vision, Framework, and Deployment Plan

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Project Description

The grantee will assess technical opportunities, constraints, and feasibility of the neighborhood approach within one or two neighborhoods.

The grantee will develop the following for the selected neighborhood(s):

1. A vision for energy systems in the neighborhood that includes energy efficiency, affordability, and resilience outcomes for the community
2. A framework describing how the proposed energy/electrification deployment will enable community outcomes
3. A deployment plan detailing a timeline for implementation, near- and medium-term actions, policy reforms, and associated financing/procurement proposals for selected technologies, customized to the neighborhood(s).

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Project Outcomes

1. A clear set of actions and policies to achieve neighborhood-wide electrification and clean energy goals while prioritizing efficiency, affordability, and resilience.
2. Increased awareness on topics of electrification, energy efficiency, grid-optimizing technologies, and DOEE and DCSEU programs.
3. Increased transparency, accountability, and accessibility of information for electrification initiatives and realized community benefits.
4. Identification of new financing and/or procurement models.
5. Decreased capital cost of building electrification retrofits and other energy interventions.



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Project Outputs

1. One or two neighborhood-scale building electrification and clean energy deployment framework(s) and vision(s)
2. Number of community engagement events
3. Number of neighborhood stakeholders and community groups engaged
4. A community-informed deployment plan for implementation of proposed actions

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Deliverables

1. A community engagement plan, including timeline
2. Reports on engagement activities
3. Copies of flyers, electronic outreach, and engagement materials
4. Photos from in-person engagement events
5. A finalized plan



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Each Application will be scored according to the criteria below.

	Scoring Criteria	Points
1	Effectively justifies selection of the one or two neighborhood(s).	15
2	Describes a strong community and stakeholder engagement plan.	10
3	Describes effective and innovative community benefits of electrification and energy upgrades.	10
4	Demonstrates well-qualified personnel with relevant technical expertise or partners with that technical expertise.	15
5	Demonstrates strong understanding of community, or partners with a knowledgeable organization(s) within the proposed neighborhood(s).	10
6	Provides a strong approach to developing a vision, framework and deployment plan that can be completed within the project period.	25
7	Provides a clear and cost-effective budget.	10
8	Includes a strong budget narrative that ties to goals.	5



How to Apply

- 1** *Contents of the Application are in Section 3 of the RFA*
- 2** *Submit all required documents in the designated upload locations in the GMS*
- 3** *All new applicants must request access to the GMS through the grant's portal at <https://doee.dc.gov/page/active-grants-application-portal>*
- 4** *Organizations are only allowed one email address that all team members are expected to use*
- 5** *Register your entity early and allow for up to 2 business days to receive an invitation to the GMS*

Required Documents

- Certificate of Good Standing
- Certificate of Clean Hands
- Signed Promises, Certifications, Assertions, and Assurances
- IRS W-9 Tax Form
- Tax Exemption Affirmation Letter, if applicable
- Current Fiscal Year Budget
- Financial Statements
- Separation of Duties Policy
- System for Award Management (SAM) Active registration
- Indirect Cost Rate Documentation, if applicable

Appendices to the RFA

□ Appendix 1 - General Terms and Conditions

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Appendix 1 – DOEE Grant General Terms and Conditions

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An Applicant must agree in writing, by signature below, to comply with the following promises, certifications, assertions, and assurances, made in support of the grant application.

I. MEANING OF SIGNATURE ON THE PCA

1. This Appendix 2 – DC Grant Promises, Certifications, Assertions, and Assurances (PCA) contains terms that apply to the undersigned Applicant (Applicant) and its application (Application) and, upon award of the grant applied for (Grant), to the successful applicant (Grantee). This PCA is incorporated into the Request for Applications (RFA) and each Grant Award Notice. The Applicant signifies its agreement to the PCA terms by signing below in the Signature and Certification of the Applicant section.



Project Budget – Numeric Budget



Submitted separately from the Budget Narrative

New Budget Line Item

More ▼

0 Budget Line Item records

	Budget Category	Requested Funds	Non-Federal Match	Total	Budget Detail

Please round your budget to the nearest \$10.00

Budget Category includes allowable costs such as personnel and supplies

Budget detail breaks down the numeric budget into a per item cost (e.g., Personnel - \$xx/hour times xx hours.)

Project Budget – Budget Justification



Explain and justify every line item in the numeric budget. Including staff roles and how their work supports project goals.

Link requested cost and match to project activities

Budget Narrative

Please write a budget narrative justifying the expenses in the numeric Budget. The narrative should explain all requested costs and link those costs to program activities.

For more information on how to develop a budget see [DOEE's four-part grants training](#)

Questions

Questions about the RFA should be sent to fy26earn.grants@dc.gov with “RE: RFA-FY26-EIDD-891” in the subject line.

DOEE will publish updates and Questions and Answers (Q&A) regarding the RFA at doee.dc.gov.

Deadline for Questions: 05-29-2026 at 05:00pm

Additional Information Session: Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 12:00pm

