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Resource Guide for Residential Buildings and Non-Profit Facilities

Illinois Solar for All seeks to maximize the development of photovoltaic (PV) systems in low-income communities through incentives for Distributed Generation, Non-Profit and Public Facilities, and Community Solar projects. Illinois Solar for All offers this Resource Guide to provide information on programs and services to improve building energy performance and affordability as well as tenant comfort, health, and safety. This includes energy efficiency programs, bill payment programs, health and safety programs, and building improvement programs.

Programs are organized by service offering and include a description, eligibility requirements, applicable property categories, and relevant website(s) to find more information.

Note: Most of the programs and resources listed here are only available in a specified geographic area (e.g., city, town, county, utility service territory, neighborhood, rural area) and type of customer or demographic (e.g., residential, income eligible, senior citizen). Interested parties should confirm eligibility criteria, status, available funding, and applicability of the programs listed directly with the administrators of the identified programs and services.

Multifamily Energy Efficiency Programs

The following programs can assist building owners with energy efficiency upgrades. Some programs can assist in remediating health and safety issues that must be addressed before energy efficiency upgrades can proceed.

Income Eligible Multifamily Savings Program

ComEd, North Shore Gas, and Peoples Gas, in partnership with Elevate Energy, offer incentives to help income-eligible multifamily property owners implement energy efficiency upgrades. Additionally, properties may be eligible for assistance remediating health and safety issues that are roadblocks to energy efficiency upgrades.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; three or more-unit multifamily properties; located in ComEd, North Shore Gas, or Peoples Gas territories

www.elevateenergy.org/programs/multifamily-energy-efficiency/

855-993-0940

Ameren Illinois Multifamily Energy Efficiency Incentives

Ameren Illinois offers qualifying multifamily properties free energy saving products, such as LEDs, advanced power strips, and smart thermostats. Incentives for air sealing and attic insulation are also available for qualifying buildings.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; three or more-unit multifamily properties; primary heat source must come from Ameren Illinois.

www.amerenillinoissavings.com/for-my-business/explore-incentives/multifamily-properties

866-838-6918

Public Housing Energy Savings Program

Public Housing Authorities can make energy-saving improvements to their properties with the assistance of ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, and North Shore Gas.

Eligibility requirements: Limited to Public Housing Authorities in any of the four utility service territories (ComEd, Nicor Gas, Peoples Gas, and North Shore Gas)

www.elevateenergy.org/who-we-serve/government-public-agencies/energy-efficiency-public-housing/

855-993-0940

Ameren Illinois Public Housing Authority Incentives

Ameren Illinois offers public housing authorities free energy saving products, such as LEDs, advanced power strips, and smart thermostats. Incentives for air sealing and attic insulation are also available for qualifying properties.

Eligibility requirements: Limited to Public Housing Authorities where primary heat source comes from Ameren Illinois; additional occupancy and compliance requirements

www.amerenillinoisavings.com/for-my-business/explore-incentives/public-housing-authorities

866-838-6918

Single Family Energy Efficiency Programs

Ameren Illinois Home Efficiency Program

Ameren Illinois offers qualifying residential homes free energy savings products, such as LEDs, advanced power strips, and smart thermostats. Incentives for air sealing and attic insulation are also available for qualifying homes.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; located in Ameren Illinois territory

www.amerenillinoisavings.com/for-my-home/explore-incentives/home-efficiency-program

866-838-6918

Chicago Bungalow Association (CBA)

ComEd and Peoples Gas, in partnership with the Chicago Bungalow Association, provide customers with free home energy upgrades. The free weatherization services and installation of free energy-saving products help increase comfort, lower utility bills, add value, and extend the life of your home.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; single family homes; owner-occupied; located in Chicago

www.chicagobungalow.org/energy-savers

312-675-0300

Illinois Home Weatherization Assistance Program (IHWAP)

The Illinois Home Weatherization Program provides solutions to reduce energy costs and make homes more energy efficient for eligible Illinois residents. Energy-saving measures are installed to increase home performance, reduce energy, and save money. This is done through various improvements including insulation and air sealing. Services are performed at no cost to eligible applicants depending on the program.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; Illinois residents

www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/HomeWeatherization/Pages/default.aspx

877-411-9276

MidAmerican Residential Rebate Programs

MidAmerican Energy offers a variety of incentives for residential customers to improve the energy efficiency of participating homes. Customers of MidAmerican Energy qualify for rebates on programmable thermostats, air source heat pumps, add-on heat pumps, ground-source heat pumps, central air conditioning units, and room air conditioning units.

Eligibility requirements: Residential customer of MidAmerican Energy Company

www.midamericanenergy.com/il-res-forms

888-427-5632

Peoples Gas Home Energy Jumpstart Program

Homeowners can reduce their energy and water use with free installation of energy-saving products available to owners of single-family homes, two-flats, and individually-metered condos and townhomes. Renters are also eligible, with permission from their landlord.

Eligibility requirements: Peoples Gas residential customers

www.accel.peoplesgasdelivery.com/home/rebates_direct.aspx

855-849-8928

MeterSave

MeterSave provides a free water meter installed by the Chicago Department of Water Management. On average, single family homeowners with water meters save 25% on their water bills and two-flat owners can save even more. There is a 7-year guarantee that the water bill will not be higher than it was without a meter. The meter is accompanied by additional resources, including an indoor or outdoor water conservation kit, water testing before and after water meter installation, a personalized profile of your home's water, a free water pitcher, and six filter cartridges.

Eligibility requirements: One- to two-unit buildings; Chicago residents; must be current on water bill

www.metersave.org/MeterSave.aspx

888-517-8883

Energy Efficiency Programs for Non-Profit Organizations

Ameren Illinois Small Business Incentives

Ameren Illinois offers incentives to small businesses for a number of energy efficiency projects, and non-profit organizations may qualify for these incentives.

Eligibility requirements: Primary heat source must come from Ameren Illinois

www.amerenillinoissavings.com/for-my-business/explore-incentives/public-housing-authorities

866-838-6918

ComEd Non-Profit Special Hardship Program

Non-profit organizations that have fallen behind on their electric bills and face possible disconnection of their electric service may be eligible for assistance through ComEd's Non-Profit Special Hardship program. Eligible non-profits can apply once every two years for grants of up to \$2,000 based on need and availability of program funds.

Eligibility requirements: Demonstrate financial hardship; registered 501(c)(3); located in ComEd territory

www.comed.com/MyAccount/Customersupport/Pages/NonprofitSpecialHardship.aspx

888-806-2273

ComEd Nonprofit Organizations Offering

Elevate Energy works with ComEd to help eligible nonprofit organizations complete energy efficiency measures in order to decrease their energy usage and related costs, enabling them to redirect their limited resources toward the communities they serve. Incentives are available for lighting, HVAC, and more.

Eligibility requirements: Nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization with a maximum peak demand of 400kW whose mission involves providing direct services to at-risk populations; must be ComEd customer with active account for at least 60 days prior to applying to incentives.

www.ComEd.com/Nonprofit

773-906-5136

Bill Savings Programs

These programs assist homeowners by lowering utility bills or offering financial assistance to pay utility bills.

ComEd Residential Hardship Program

Customers past-due on electric bills with financial hardship and senior citizens may be eligible for assistance through ComEd's Residential Special Hardship program. Income-eligible, residential customers can apply once every two years for grants based on need and availability of program funds.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; hardship documentation requirements; located in ComEd territory

www.comed.com/MyAccount/Customersupport/Pages/ResidentialHardship.aspx

888-806-2273

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Utility Bill Assistance

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Utility Bill Assistance helps eligible low-income households pay for home energy services (primarily heating during winter months). Illinois residents with a household income that does not exceed an amount determined annually by the Department of Commerce are eligible. LIHEAP benefit programs include: Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), Furnace Assistance, and Direct Vendor Payment (DVP)/Reconnection Assistance (RA). PIPP provides a monthly benefit payment to the utility based on household utility budget billing and customers are required to pay a reduced amount on their utility bills each month to get the benefit payments. DVP/RA is designed to assist income-eligible households with energy services in the form of a one-time benefit payment to the utility companies that is applied directly to the household's energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type. RA is used to prevent or reconnect disconnected households.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; Illinois residents

www.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/UtilityBillAssistance

Find a list of LIHEAP Administering Agencies here:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/dceo/CommunityServices/UtilityBillAssistance/Documents/LIHEAP%20brochure%204panels-2019.pdf>

877-411-9276

Ameren Illinois Power Smart Pricing

Power Smart Pricing is an innovative electric supply rate option from Ameren Illinois that lets participants take advantage of cheaper, off-peak electricity prices. Those interested can call an Ameren Illinois Power Smart Pricing specialist to determine if the program is right for their household. Savings are not guaranteed.

Eligibility requirements: Ameren Illinois residential electric customers

powersmartpricing.org

877-655-6028

Ameren Illinois Peak Time Rewards

Peak Time Rewards is a demand response program that rewards residential customers with credits on their bill for reducing electricity usage during especially hot days.

Eligibility requirements: Ameren Illinois residential electric customers with activated smart meters

peaktimerewards.com

844-787-7874

ComEd's Hourly Pricing

ComEd's Hourly Pricing is a dynamic pricing program for residential customers in ComEd territory that allows participants to take advantage of cheaper, off-peak electricity prices. Those interested can call a ComEd Hourly Pricing specialist to determine if the program is right for their household. Savings are not guaranteed.

Eligibility requirements: ComEd residential customers

hourlypricing.comed.com

888-202-7787

ComEd's Peak Time Savings

ComEd's Peak Time Savings program enables participants to earn a credit on their energy bill when they participate voluntarily on days with Peak Time Savings events. When demand for electricity is high, participants have the chance to earn a bill credit by reducing usage.

Eligibility requirements: ComEd residential customers with activated smart meters

www.comed.com/WaysToSave/ForYourHome/Pages/PeakTimeSavings.aspx

844-852-0347

Peoples Gas Share the Warmth Program

Administered for Peoples Gas by the Community and Economic Development Association (CEDA), Share the Warmth provides heating grants to limited and fixed-income households; eligible customers can receive grants on their bills.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; Peoples Gas customers

https://accel.peoplesgasdelivery.com/home/share_warmth.aspx

800-571-2332

North Shore Gas Share the Warmth Program

Administered for North Shore Gas by the Community Action Partnership of Lake County, Share the Warmth provides heating grants to limited and fixed-income households; eligible customers can receive grants on their bills.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; North Shore Gas customers

https://accel.northshoregasdelivery.com/home/share_warmth.aspx

847-249-4330

Nicor Gas Sharing Program

Administered by the Salvation Army, the Nicor Gas Sharing Program provides one-time annual grants to qualified residential customers who meet the required income guidelines.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; Nicor Gas residential customer, be ineligible for state or federal energy assistance programs

<https://www.nicorgas.com/residential/energy-assistance/sharing-program>

888-642-6748

Health and Safety Programs

These programs assist homeowners by offering technical and/or financial assistance to pay for health and safety-related issues.

City of Chicago Lead Poisoning Prevention and Healthy Homes Program

This program provides financial assistance for homeowners or tenants to address lead-based paint hazards in the home.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; ownership requirements; property built before 1978; a child six or younger lives in or regularly visits at the property; located in Chicago

www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/provdrs/healthy_homes/svcs/apply_for_financialassistanceforleadabatement.html

312-746-6520

Home Improvement Programs

These programs assist building owners with building upgrades.

Single Family Housing Repair Loans and Grants

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this program provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or grants to elderly very low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards. The maximum loan is \$20,000, the maximum grant is \$7,500, and loans and grants can be combined for up to \$27,500 in assistance.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; owner-occupied; must be 62 or older for grant; live in rural area

www.rd.usda.gov/programs-services/single-family-housing-repair-loans-grants/il

217-403-6200

City of Chicago Roof and Porch Repair Program

The City of Chicago Roof and Porch Repair Program is an annual lottery-based allocation of grant funds (one-day-only registration in September) for roof and porch repair.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; owner-occupied home; habitable; not at risk of foreclosure; located in Chicago; must maintain ownership and occupancy for one year or pay back prorated amount of funds

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/provdrs/housing_resources/svcs/receive_emergencyhousingassistance.html

312-744-3653

City of Chicago Emergency Heating Repair Program

The City of Chicago Emergency Heating Repair Program is a first-come, first-served grant program for repair or replacement of faulty or inoperable residential heating systems.

Eligibility requirements: Income requirements; owner-occupied home; single-family home or two- to four-unit residential property; must be on deed for one year prior to application; cannot have received funding under this program in the past; habitable; not at risk of foreclosure; located in Chicago; must maintain ownership and occupancy for one year or pay back prorated amount of funds

https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/doh/provdrs/housing_resources/svcs/receive_emergencyhousingassistance.html

https://www.chicago.gov/content/dam/city/depts/dcd/general/housing/2018-19_Heating_Repair_Program_Packet.pdf

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