Energy Efficiency Retrofit Grant Program

Energy costs are typically the second highest household expense after a mortgage.

Reduce home utility costs and improve energy efficiency with the help from the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Grant Program. The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Grant Program will provide homeowners with a dollar-for-dollar matching grant of up to $5,000 for eligible Tier II and III retrofits to maximize energy efficiency within your home.

The program is meant to help reduce your energy bill and save you money all year long.

Eligible Applicants

You are eligible for an Energy Efficiency Retrofit Grant if you meet the following requirements:

- You own and occupy your home in the City of Sunnyvale.
- Your household income does not exceed the current low-income limit for Sunnyvale as established by HUD.
- All health and safety code violations must be corrected before a grant is approved unless it is corrected through the housing rehab loan program.

Eligible Improvements

- Home energy audit
- Wall, floor and attic insulation
- Air-sealing
- Duct sealing and insulation
- Caulking & weather stripping
- Replace light bulbs with high efficient CFL’s
- Insulation of Water Pipes
- Energy Efficient Windows
- Energy Efficient Furnaces and Water Heaters

NOTE:
Each home is different, and not all weatherization measures are necessary for improving the comfort and efficiency of a home. To help identify the most inefficient areas of your home we require an energy audit by a BPI certified energy auditor to determine the basic areas for energy efficiency retrofitting. The scope of work will be based on the recommendations from the audit.

Grant Terms

- The Energy Efficiency Retrofit Grant is a matching, dollar for dollar grant (50% of total project cost will be reimbursed to the homeowner) of up to $5,000.
- All upfront costs will be provided by applicant to facilitate the energy efficient retrofit. If you are unable to fund the upfront costs you may take advantage of one or more compatible programs to obtain the matching funds.
- Work must be done by a licensed contractor with a City of Sunnyvale License.

Income Limits

Your gross (pre-tax) annual household income may not exceed 80% of the area median for Santa Clara County.

2010 Maximum Income Limits:

- $56,500 for 1-person household
- $64,600 for 2-person household
- $72,650 for 3-person household
- $80,700 for 4-person household

For larger households, please contact City or see our website: www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/housing

These income limits are updated annually by the City.
Additional Housing Rehabilitation Programs

- **Housing Rehabilitation Loan:** A low interest deferred loan of up to $60,000 ($15,000 for mobile homes) to fund repairs for deferred maintenance, heating, plumbing, roofing, electrical, and other health and safety improvements.

- **Paint Loans & Grants:** A loan of up to $4,000 to paint the exterior of your home, or a grant of up to $1,000 to reimburse the cost of paint and supplies, if you do the work yourself.

- **Energy Efficiency Loans:** A low interest deferred loan of up to $25,000 to increase energy efficiency including the repair or replacement of inefficient and aging appliances, heating systems, windows, insulation and other approved work.

- **Emergency Loan:** A low interest deferred loan of up to $5,000 to fund urgent health and safety repairs for low-income home owners, such as: burst pipes, water heater repair.

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Applications may be downloaded from the Housing Division web page at:
[www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/housing](http://www.sunnyvale.ca.gov/housing)