



U.S. DEPARTMENT
of **ENERGY**

Office of Critical Minerals
and Energy Innovation

**HOME ENERGY
REBATES**
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



Home Energy Rebates Program

NASEO Buildings Summit

July 30, 2026

Mary Hubbard

Home Energy Rebates Program Manager

Home Energy Rebates Program Saves Americans Money

The Home Energy Rebates Program is an \$8.8B program serving 2.5M Americans and more than 700 Tribal communities through formula grants to state, territory, and Tribal governments who have the autonomy to develop rebate programs that meet their unique needs.

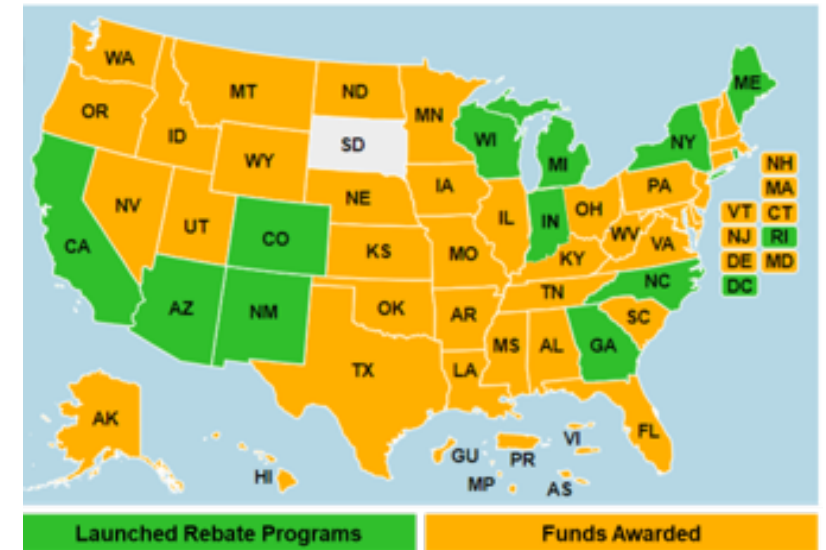
Programs:

Home Owner Managing Energy Savings Rebates (50121 or HOMES Rebates)

- ✓ \$4.3 billion for states
- ✓ Eligible on whole-home energy upgrade projects
- ✓ Available to households at all income levels
- ✓ Projects must meet 20% energy savings

High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebates (50122 or HEEHR Rebates)

- ✓ \$4.275 billion for states; \$225 million for tribes
- ✓ Eligible on efficient electric appliances & other home upgrades
- ✓ Available to low- and moderate-income households



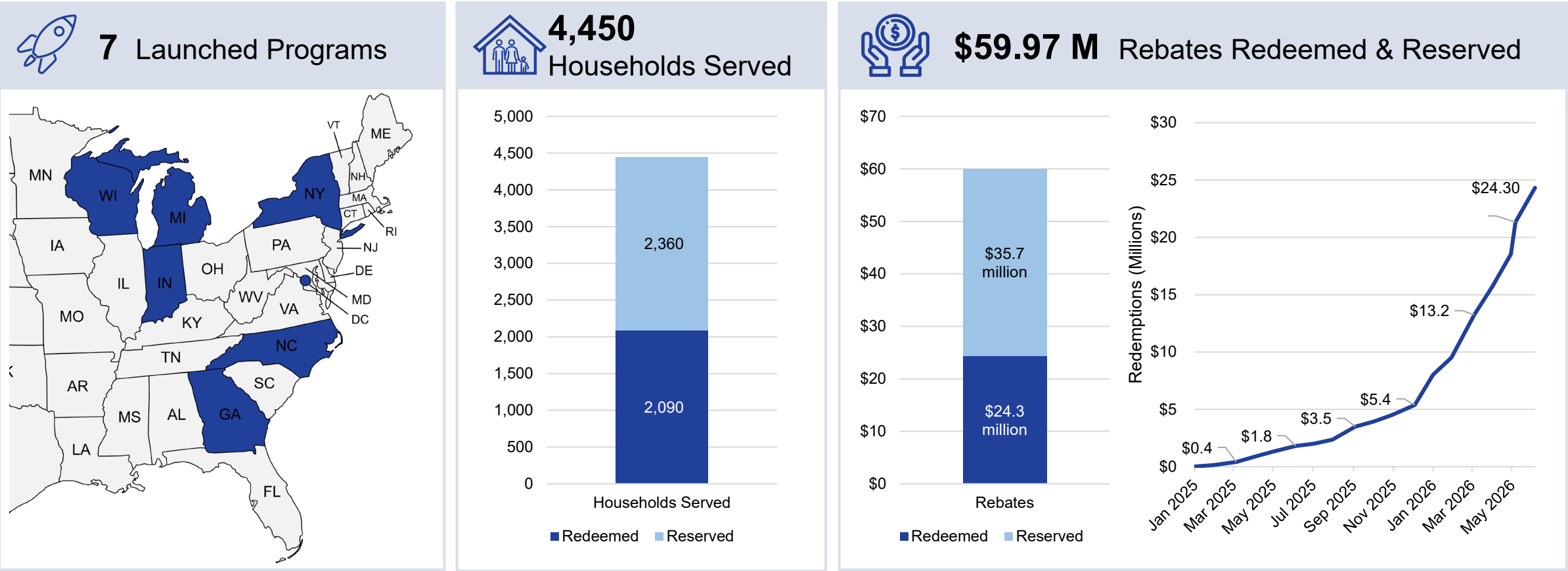
Advancing Affordability for Americans: Expected Impact

The HOMES and HEEHR Programs **directly address the rising costs of housing and essential home appliances**. These programs together are projected to serve 2.5 million households, can save households over \$600 per year on energy bills, and achieve 21 billion kWh savings.

	HOMES	HEEHR
 Anticipated Households Served >	1.2 million American households	1.3 million American households
 Anticipated Household Bill Savings >	\$836 per year on average	\$628 per year on average
 Anticipated Energy Savings >	13 billion kWh	8 billion kWh

Launched HOMES Programs Deliver Whole-Home Savings

HOMES Rebate Programs have launched in 7 states across the country and are delivering rebates to American households – collectively achieving over 7.2 million kWh of energy savings to date or an average of over 3,740 kWh each year per household.

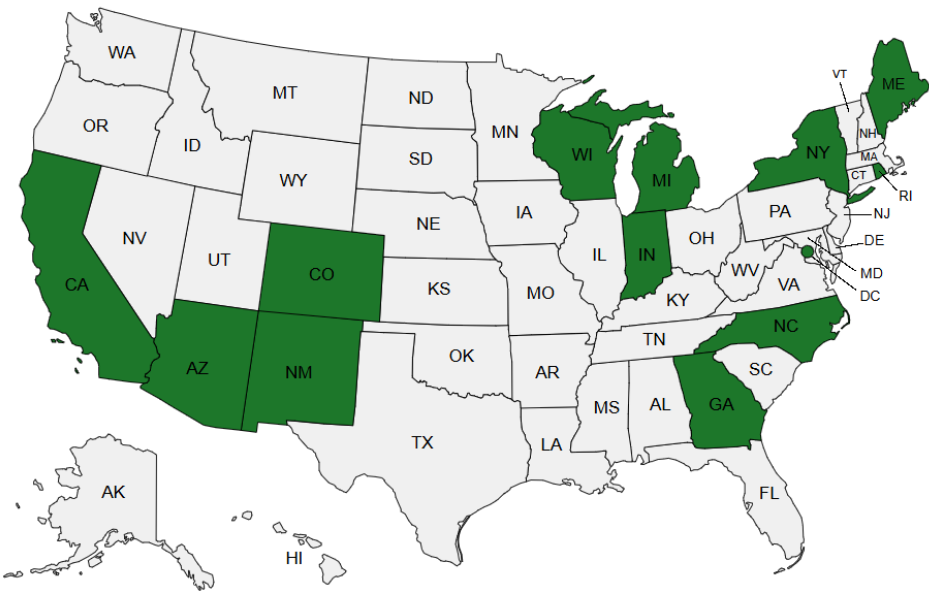


Launched HEEHR Programs Provide Instant Discounts

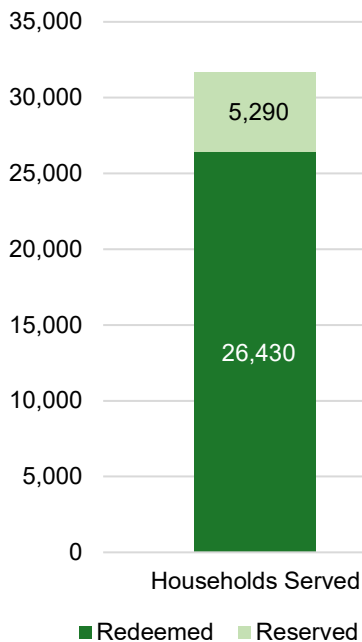
HEEHR Rebate Programs have launched in 13 states across the country and are delivering rebates to American households. Nearly half of these programs offer a retail pathway, enabling consumers to achieve instant savings at local home improvement stores.



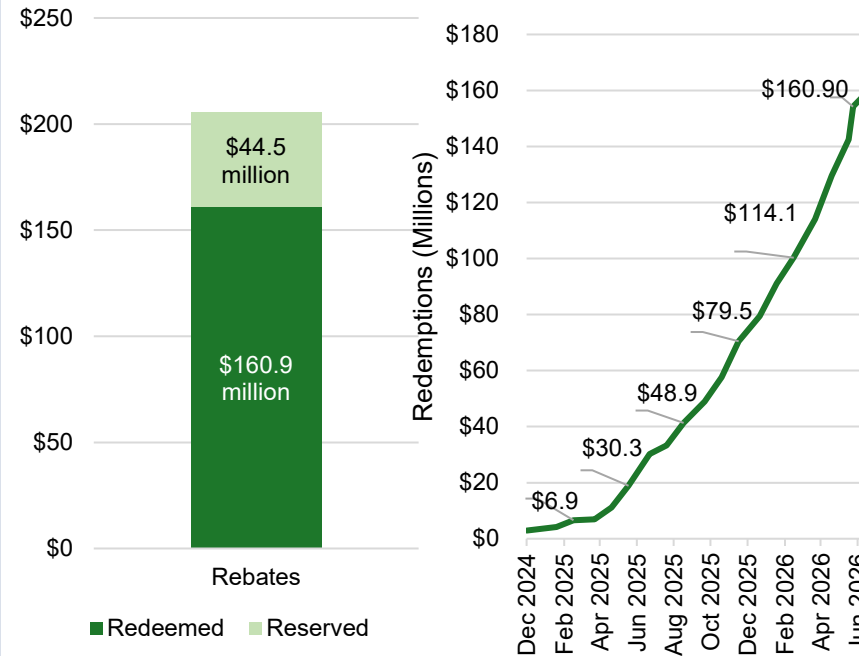
13 Launched Programs



31,720
Households Served



\$205.39 M Redeemed & Reserved



State Programs Bring Energy & Bill Savings to Homeowners

States are empowered to design and implement Home Energy Rebate Programs that align with federal requirements and are tailored to their local context.

NC: Meeting residents where they are



Energy Saver North Carolina conducts a home assessment to create a **custom action plan** to increase comfort and enhance homes, combining their HOMES and HEEHR programs to provide a **simplified experience** for homeowners and contractors.

WI: Delivering energy savings



Wisconsin has 6 multi-family low-income projects that modeled savings of ~280,000 kWh or 11,667 kWh per unit, which is **more than the annual consumption of an average U.S. household.**

NM and GA: Achieving bill savings that make a difference

“The rebates program has been a lifesaver for me. My electric bill has decreased by roughly \$40 to \$50 each month.” -- NM rebate recipient

“[My heater] doesn’t come on as often. It seems like it’s holding the heat in better. I don’t feel any drafts...It feels like a blessing. It feels too good to be true. I would have never been able to get that done without that help.”

-- GA air sealing and insulation rebate recipient whose power bill dropped from \$161 to \$125 after upgrades

Comprehensive Alignment with Administration Priorities

To improve and advance the HOMES and HEEHR programs, DOE made extensive changes that:



Align with DOE Policy & Statutory Requirements



Empower State Flexibility & Program Participation



Advance Affordability & Expand Consumer Choice



Expand Retail Pathways



Ensure Good Stewardship of Taxpayer Dollars



Streamline Program Administration

Moving Forward: Expectations and Next Steps



Q&A

States should review all materials and consult peer states and/or NASEO before submitting questions to their Project Officers.



Internal Processes

Award modifications and/or full applications to lift conditions are not approved until the Grants Officer signs off and the award package is sent in FedConnect.



Support and Guidance

DOE will be sharing additional materials and resources to support the development and launch of programs.

Launched Programs

Update program design and implementation by August 31, 2026.

Complete:

- Compliance Attestation Form

Propose Updates:

- Narrative Template
- Consumer Protection → Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Mitigation Plan
- Budget Justification Workbook

Fully Awarded Programs

Update program design to comply with program requirements and prepare to launch.

Propose Updates:

- Narrative Template
- Consumer Protection → Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Mitigation Plan
- Budget Justification Workbook
- Implementation Blueprint Plan documents

Conditionally Awarded Programs

Satisfy outstanding conditions in program design and planning. Conditions will be lifted in stages based on state readiness and DOE capacity.

Submit New:

- Narrative Template
- Budget Justification Workbook

After Application Approval:

- Implementation Blueprint Plan documents