

New Construction Electrification Program Homeowner Rebuild Incentive FAQs

Who can Apply?

Homeowners impacted or affected by the 2020 wildfire season whose homes are located in 3CE service areas and were red-tagged by Cal-Fire. Impacted home must have been actively receiving 3CE services prior to the wildfire events.

What types of housing are eligible for the grant funding?

Multi-Unit Dwellings (Apartment Buildings, Townhomes, Duplexes, etc.), Single family Residences (SFR), and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) are all eligible for funding.

What defines all-electric housing?

All-electric housing is defined as housing that uses electricity as the energy source for household appliances including but not limited to water heating, space heating, and cooking appliances. The project must not include any natural gas or propane infrastructure on the premise.

What is 3CE's service area?

3CE currently serves Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) communities in the counties of Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara and the cities of Arroyo Grande, Del Rey Oaks, Capitola, Carmel, Gonzales, Greenfield, Grover Beach, Guadalupe, Hollister, Marina, Monterey, Morro Bay, Paso Robles, Pismo Beach, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Santa Maria, San Juan Bautista, San Luis Obispo, Sand City, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, Seaside, Soledad, Solvang, and Watsonville.

My home previously had natural gas. Do I need to remove all gas lines on the property?

If your home previously had gas or propane infrastructure, you must have the gas lines stubbed outside the home. When the project is complete, you must submit documentation that proves all appliances are all-electric and that no gas or propane lines have entered the home.

How much funding is available?

\$125,000 of total funding is available. Grant awards available to each applicant are based on the type of development and the number of units that are rebuilt as all-electric. A single applicant may apply for a maximum of one single family residence incentive grant. Grants will be distributed as follows:

- Single Family Residence: \$5,000 per unit
- Multi Family Residence or ADU: \$2,500 per unit

Additional funds are available for Level 2 EV Charging Stations. Level 2 EV Charging Stations are defined as being powered by a 240V AC circuit. Funds will be distributed as follows:

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- Single Family Residences or ADUs: \$600 per unit
- Multi Family Residences: \$1,000 per unit

How are funds awarded?

The application will be open until funds are fully reserved. Awards will be distributed to eligible applications on first come first served basis. Applications received after reservation limits have been met will be added to a waitlist.

Can I apply for funding for both a Single Family Residence and an ADU?

Yes, you can apply for grant funding for both a SFR as well as an ADU. You may only apply for one single family residence and ADU grant.

What do I need to apply?

To apply, applicants must have the following information:

- a) Project name, location, number of units, type of development
- b) Construction schedule
- c) Relevant documents showing intent to build all-electric housing (see below)

At the time of application, developer must provide at least one document indicating intent to build an all-electric project. Acceptable documents include:

- Architect of Record's plans with confirmation letter from the architect describing how the building meets the all-electric requirement and citing relevant pages.
- Confirmation letter from the electrical engineer describing how the building design plans meets the all-electric requirement

What happens after I submit my application?

3CE will review your application for completeness and eligibility and respond back with the status of your application within 5 business days. If your application is approved, 3CE staff will send you a Letter of Intent (LOI). Funds will be reserved in a 3CE account for a maximum of 2.5 years after the date of issuance of the LOI. Applicants may submit one letter requesting an extension of reserved grant funds, for up to one year. The letter must provide a description of a good faith efforts towards completing the approved project.

When do I receive my funds?

Once the approved project is complete, the you will receive funds (check payable to applicant) upon meeting the following conditions:

1. 3CE staff confirms the building/s are enrolled in 3CE electricity service.
2. Homeowner submits building permit card detailing final approval of construction.
3. 3CE staff will confirm that project requirements have been met, and will provide check payable to applicant.

Project Eligibility Requirements:

- Homeowner must have been 3CE customer prior to disaster and enrolled in 3CE service when rebuild is complete
- Eligible structures covered:
 - Multi-unit Dwellings (MUD)
 - Apartment Buildings
 - Townhomes
 - Duplexes
 - Single Family Residence (SFR)
 - Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)
- Destroyed structure must be red tagged by CalFire from 2020 wildfires in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties
- Design of the structure must show:
 - No natural gas or propane infrastructure in home
 - Electric space heating, water heating, and cooking supported