

New Construction Electrification Program FAQs

Who can Apply?

Housing developers building projects within CCCE's service area may apply.

What types of housing are eligible for the incentive?

This program accepts applications from developments of Multi-Unit Dwellings (Apartment Buildings, Townhomes, Duplexes, etc.), four or more Single family Residences (SFR), and Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Only affordable housing units will receive incentives under the FY 21/22 program.

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.

Your Application requests information on local hiring practices.

Will my organization's ability to hire locally impact my application's success?

No. CCCE recognizes the difficulty for housing project developers to hire locally due to cost restraints. CCCE will credit any efforts to hire locally, whether that be your organization's local hiring policy, qualitative or quantitative information that supports efforts to hire locally. Tell us about your efforts and challenges in hiring local workers.

What is CCCE's service area?

CCCE currently serves communities in the counties of Monterey, San Benito, Santa Cruz, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara.

My organization is planning to build a housing development in Southern California Edison territory of Santa Barbara County, can I apply?

Yes.

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My organization is not based in CCCE area, can I apply?

If the development you are building is located within CCCE service area you may apply. Your business does not to be located within CCCE territory.

How much funding is available?

\$1.5M of total funding is available. Incentive awards available to each applicant are based on the number of units that are built all-electric. Incentives will be distributed as follows:

- Affordable Housing units: \$2,500 per unit

How are funds awarded?

The application will open on October 1, 2021 and remain open until September 30, 2022 or until funds are fully subscribed. Awards will be distributed to eligible applications on a first come first served basis.

What is the minimum and maximum amount of funding per project?

The maximum amount of incentive for a single project site is \$150,000. If multiple developers are working collaboratively on a development, the maximum incentive for the entire development site is capped at \$150,000. There is no minimum incentive award.

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 house (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?

CCCE will review your application for completeness and eligibility, and will be in touch if additional information is needed. If your application is approved, CCCE staff will send you a Letter of Intent (LOI). Funds will be reserved in a CCCE account for a maximum of 3.5 years after the date of issuance of the LOI. Applicants may

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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. CCCE staff confirms the building/s are enrolled in CCCE electricity service.
2. Developer submits the following documents indicating that the development was completed as an all-electric building.
 - Certificate of Occupancy -OR- Notice of Completion
 - AND-
 - Inspection report showing that all electrical work has been completed and no gas lines have been installed

How do I know if my development has “affordable housing” units that qualify for grant incentives of \$2,500/unit?

CCCE does not define affordable housing. Each planning authority or defines affordable housing and CCCE will abide by those determinations. A good place to start would be to look at your County’s housing element or contact the local planning agency.