

# BPA State Low-Income Energy Efficiency Grants: FY24 – 25 Updates

## Summary of Rate Period Changes

The new rate period is here! The states worked hard all throughout the last rate period to return to work despite facing continued challenges with Covid outbreaks, increasing equipment and labor costs, and supply chain delays.

**Over 1,200 LED lightbulbs were installed and over 400 Low-Income projects were completed in FY22 – 23, including weatherizing all home types with windows, doors, insulation and air sealing, and installing ductless heat pumps, heat pump water heaters, and appliances.**

Over the upcoming two-year rate period, the BPA team hopes to see an expansion of activity of BPA-funded low-income energy efficiency projects. To help mitigate implementation challenges, BPA has made some updates to the how these grants are executed, including but not limited to:

- Made several changes to deemed measures, which do not require an SIR calculation. See below for details.
- Added some flexibility on acceptable income qualification. See page two for more details.
- Expanded the state grant performance period to the full two years of rate period to decrease disruption between years one and two.

## Deemed Measure Updates

Language for deemed measures has been updated. The new language refers grantees to the technical and efficiency requirements for all deemed measures, which are housed in the [BPA Implementation Manual](#). Grantees who are implementing weatherization measures can install them according to either the [BPA Weatherization Specifications and Best Practices Guide](#) or the [DOE Weatherization Assistance Program \(WAP\)](#) installation specifications.

### Highlighted Changes:

- Expired all PTCS commissioned heat pump and PTCS duct sealing measures, among others
- Added heat pump measures options without PTCS commissioning requirements for all housing types
- Updated efficiency requirements for both ductless and ducted systems
- Added some commercial HVAC measures for multifamily shared common areas
- Increased payment cost caps for many weatherization, HVAC, and water heating deemed measures

### Increasing payment cost caps for existing deemed measures:

- 40-Gallon Heat Pump Water Heater: up to \$2,800
- Tier 3 & 4 Heat Pump Water Heater: up to \$3,000
- Ductless Heat Pump Conversions: up to \$6,000
  - Update: HSPF2 now only has to meet federal minimum standards at the time of install.
- Prescriptive Duct Sealing: up to \$750
- High Efficiency Prime Windows & Patio Doors: up to \$45/sq. ft.

### NEW Residential LIEE deemed measures and updates:

- Clothes Dryers: up to \$800
- Ducted Heat Pump to Non-Variable Speed Conversion: up to \$9,000
  - Update: HSPF2 and SEER2 now only has to meet federal minimum standards at the time of install.
- Ducted Heat Pump to Variable Speed Conversion or Upgrade: up to \$9,000
- Packaged Terminal Heat Pumps: up to \$1,600
- Line Voltage Thermostats: up to \$85
- Communicating Line Voltage Thermostats: up to \$225
- Door Sweeps: up to \$35

### NEW Commercial LIEE deemed measures in multifamily shared common areas only (*more detail on page 2*):

- Connected Thermostats: up to \$400
- Ductless Heat Pump Retrofit & Upgrade: up to \$2,000 / ton
- Ducted Heat Pump Retrofit & Upgrade: up to \$1,400 / ton

### Expiring deemed measures:

- All PTCS Ducted and Duct Sealing measures
- Ducted Forced Air Furnace to Heat Pump (Non-Variable Speed) Upgrades
- Ductless Heat Pump Upgrades
- Heat Pump Water Heaters Tiers 1 & 2



### New Deemed Measure Highlight: Commercial Multifamily HVAC

BPA is now offering deemed measure options for commercial deemed HVAC measures that can be installed in shared common areas in multifamily buildings, such as hallways, common event spaces, and shared kitchens. These measures are not available to install in mixed-use retail or office space.

### New Allowable Income Verification: Signed Self-Attestation of Income

BPA is now allowing state and tribal grantees, as well as utilities who implement BPA’s low-income energy efficiency programs, to accept a **signed** self-attestation of income in lieu of verification of official income documentation to participate in this program.

To qualify via self-attestation, the applicant must attest to any one of the following: their gross annual household income falls within 200% of the [federal poverty level](#), the applicant meets their state’s or tribe’s income guidelines, OR the residents receive assistance from certain federal assistance programs. More details are outlined in the state and tribal LIEE grant language.

[Click here to access the template BPA has created for income verification](#), which includes an option for applicants to sign a self-attestation of income. Contact BPA if you would like this further customized to your program. This document is also located in the [BPA IM Document Library](#).

### Expanded Grant Performance Period

The performance period for all state grants has been expanded to the full two-year rate period. Previously, up to 50% of the funding was extended in the first year and the remainder was extended in the second year. This change is intended to save considerable administrative effort for state, BPA, and CAP agency staff in the middle of the rate period, as well as support longer-term budget planning efforts.

If states have not been able to allocate or spend at least 45% of their budget within the first performance year, states will be expected to provide a written brief at the end of the first year that explains how the remainder of their budget will be spent during year two.

### Updated Terms & Conditions

An additional clause has been added to the Terms and Conditions of many of BPA’s contracts, which is **Clause 50: Buy America Requirement for Infrastructure Projects (FEB 2023)**. More information about this condition can be found in the [Bonneville Financial Assistance Instructions \(BFAI\) Manual](#).

### Updated References to Technical and Efficiency Requirements for Deemed Measures

In previous grant language, the pre- and post-condition qualification and efficiency requirements were clarified only for some deemed measures. This was not comprehensive. To clarify the technical and efficiency requirements for each deemed measure and to create more continuity between the deemed measures BPA utilities currently implement and what state and tribal grantees implement, BPA updated the grant language to point grantees to the appropriate deemed measure section in [BPA’s Implementation Manual](#). If there are any questions about these measures, please contact Amy Burke at [aaburke@bpa.gov](mailto:aaburke@bpa.gov) or (503) 230-4364.

### LIEE Allocated Budgets for FY 2024 – 2025

Budgets for this rate period match the previous rate period.

Washington Rate Period Allocation	\$ 5,107,252.50
Oregon Allocation	\$ 3,413,482.20
Idaho Allocation	\$ 1,383,552.00
Montana Allocation	\$ 904,713.30

TOTAL LIEE Budget FY 2024 – 2025	
State Total Budget	\$ 10,809,000.00
Direct Tribal Total Budget	\$ 1,201,000.00
Total LIEE Rate Period	\$ 12,010,000.00

The updated Tribal Grant Application is currently posted on the [BPA Low-Income Energy Efficiency Page](#).

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