

San Diego Home Energy Upgrade

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1. What is SDHEU?

The San Diego Home Energy Upgrade (SDHEU) program provides rebates for residential energy upgrades to low- and moderate-income households within the City of San Diego. These rebates — when combined with other available incentives — offer residents whole-house energy improvements at no cost.

2. Who is eligible for the program?

Property owners of both multifamily and single-family residences in the City of San Diego with a combined household income of no more than \$90,200 for a family of four (up to 400% federal poverty level). A complete table of income guidelines based on the number of people in a household is at www.energycenter.org/sdheu.

3. How is the program funded?

SDHEU is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 as part of the City of San Diego's Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants (EECBG) program. The funds expire June 30, 2012.

4. What is ESAP?

The Energy Savings Assistance Program (ESAP) is a utility-sponsored direct-install energy efficiency program for qualifying low-income participants. ESAP was formerly referred to as the Low-Income Energy Efficiency (LIEE) program or simply "The Energy Team." More information is available at www.sdge.com/energyassistance or (866) 597-0597.

5. What is MIDI?

The Middle Income Direct Install (MIDI) program is a utility-sponsored direct-install energy efficiency program for qualifying moderate-income participants. This program is expected to launch in fall 2011.

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6. What types of upgrades/measures are included?

The first step is a home energy assessment. For participants who qualify for ESAP or MIDI, the assessment will determine the appropriate measures to be installed and funded under the utility-sponsored programs. SDHEU will cover the cost of any additional measures beyond ESAP or MIDI up to \$1,000. Typically, this will consist of air infiltration testing, combustion safety testing, attic insulation to R-38 and extensive air sealing. All of the measures under ESAP and MIDI, as well as any additional measures under SDHEU, are installed at no cost to the participant. See “SDHEU Fact Sheet” for a list of measures.

7. Are there any up-front costs?

There are no up-front costs for homeowners who meet the qualifications and choose to participate in ESAP or MIDI. For homeowners who do not qualify, or choose not to participate in ESAP or MIDI, there may be an up-front cost to complete the energy upgrades.

8. How is the contractor selected?

The homeowner will be assigned a contractor to perform the work. In most cases, the contractors are qualified and selected by the program administrator. The contractors are specially trained in building science and in the comprehensive diagnostic assessment process according to industry standards. They also have a valid California contractor’s license, appropriate bonding and have agreed to rigorous quality assurance and quality control measures established by the program.

9. Who receives the rebate payment?

Payment of the rebate is made directly to the contractor performing the work. There is no option for the customer to receive payment because the customer is not paying out of pocket for the upgrades. The contractor carries the cost of this project until payment is received.

10. Whom do I contact for more information?

Individuals interested in the program should visit www.energycenter.org/sdheu for more information and income requirements. You may also contact Liza Gray at elizabeth.gray@energycenter.org or **(858) 737-1584** for information and to be placed on the enrollment list.

