

**SCHEDULE 301
LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

AVAILABILITY

This program is available to qualifying low-income customers receiving residential gas service.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

The program will be administered by Department of Commerce-approved, Low -Income Weatherization providers and other Low Income Agencies providing weatherization services (Agencies) and third-party weatherization service contractors. Hereafter, Agencies and third-party weatherization contractors administering WIP are referred to either collectively or individually as Program Administrator.

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is designed to increase energy efficiency in low-income households within Cascade’s service territory by providing rebates for the installation of approved energy efficiency measures in qualifying residential customers’ dwellings following the completion of a home energy evaluation performed by a Program Administrator.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to qualify for WIP rebates, a Program Administrator must certify that the customer is income qualified, defined as residing in a household with a 200% federal poverty level (FPL) or less, and that the customer’s household uses natural gas as its primary heat source.

WIP REBATES

Cascade shall pay the Program Administrator a WIP rebate when all weatherization measures deemed appropriate for a customer’s dwelling per the home energy evaluation have been installed and the Program Administrator has provided Cascade with all the required project documentation including contractor invoices, when available, or an otherwise itemized list of the work performed and costs incurred.

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The WIP rebate is equal to the costs for labor, equipment, and materials incurred to install all qualifying energy efficiency measures but not exceeding any per measure cost cap as established in the Department of Commerce Deemed Measure Priority List (DMPL) found on the Department of Commerce website, www.commerce.gov

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A Program Administrator may leverage other funding sources in combination with Cascade-provided funds to pay for WIP projects. WIP Rebates are separate from health, safety, and repair reimbursements discussed below.

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY MEASURES

The following high efficiency measures qualify for rebate under WIP if the pre-treated or existing conditions and the post-treated or weatherized installments meet the conditions as established: in the most current DMPL:

- Attic insulation
- Wall insulation
- Floor insulation
- Water heater insulation
- Duct sealing
- Duct insulation
- Air Sealing
- Low-flow faucet aerators
- Low-flow showerheads
- Natural gas water heaters (including tankless)

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Natural Gas Furnaces

A natural gas furnace is also a qualifying energy efficiency measure for customers where the existing furnace is failing, has failed, is at end of life, or is inefficient. There are two paths for a natural gas furnace rebate: 1) The Program Administrator is able to show using an energy modeling software such as TREAT/NEAT that the replacement of the existing natural gas furnace with a minimum of Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of 90% has a savings to investment ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or greater; or 2) The rebate is limited to the cap established in the DMPL for LIHEAP emergency heating standards.

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REBATES

These measures will qualify for a rebate payment when one of the following is true:

- (a) The measures are identified as cost-effective under the appropriate climate zone and housing type under the DMPL
- (b) The measures are identified as cost-effective under the Department of Energy Priority List (DOE PL); or
- (c) Each measure is identified as having a savings-to-investment ratio of 1.0 or higher according to the Program Administrator’s energy audit in the dwelling in which the measure is being installed.

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Participating Program Administrators shall use the energy modeling software, TREAT/NEAT, or the DMPL when conducting audits. Program Administrators shall provide a copy of the TREAT/NEAT or the DMPL report along with its completed rebate application, and other documentation, as specified on the Company’s current rebate application form, in order to qualify for incentives. The Company may consider exemptions to the 1.0 SIR requirement for individual measures, if such exemptions are consistent with provisions in the Department of Commerce Weatherization Manual, and the total weatherization project remains cost-effective. Such exemptions must be approved on an individual basis by the Company and its Conservation Advisory Group. Only Program Administrators with a demonstrated 12-month history of projects whose final costs have not exceeded 120% of anticipated costs shall be eligible for this exemption.

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HEALTH AND SAFETY REPAIRS

In addition to the WIP Rebate, each WIP project is eligible to receive funds to pay for health and safety repairs that are necessary to ensure the efficacy of the newly installed energy efficiency measures are not compromised. Examples of health and safety repairs include but are not limited to the installation of smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide detectors, furnace tune-ups, pest or moisture control in insulated spaces, and ground cover. A health and safety repair reimbursement shall not exceed 25 percent of the WIP Rebate provided for the same dwelling. The Company may grant exceptions to the health and safety repairs reimbursement cap at its discretion.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FEES

Agencies will be reimbursed for project coordination. Project coordination will be funded up to a maximum program average of 30 percent of the total project cost, as billed to the Company. An additional agency indirect rate associated with the delivery of low-income conservation measures will be provided in the amount of 10 percent of the total project cost, as billed to the Company. The Company will pay Agencies the total combined project coordination and indirect rate of up to 40% of the total project cost as billed to the Company.

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Third-party weatherization contractors will be reimbursed for 100 percent of their material costs and labor costs as invoiced to Cascade.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The low-income weatherization program costs will be accounted for and recovered through an annual deferral amortization or other accounting mechanism as required under the most recent conditions of the Company’s Biennial Conservation Plan. Cascade shall retain existing cost recovery mechanisms, subject to the Commission’s Order in Docket UG-152286, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.
2. All installations of weatherization must comply with all codes and permit requirements applicable in the state of Washington and must be properly inspected, if required, by a designated quality assurance inspector.
3. The Company reserves the right to verify installation prior to payment of any rebates. Rebates are qualified for payment under the terms of the most recent rebate application form, which are subject to update.
4. Cascade, in conjunction with its Conservation Advisory Group (CAG), and the Program Administrators that deliver the low-income weatherization program, will develop and report annual savings goals based on projected annual completions.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

1. Program spending will be monitored by the Company in conjunction with the CAG to ensure that proper fiscal management is taking place by those delivering the program. To the extent possible, these activities will be integrated with Cascade’s existing biennial and annual conservation planning and reporting processes.
2. A Program Administrator must have a current, signed Administrative Agreement with Cascade with individualized targets for the number of homes anticipated to be served by that Agency for the calendar year. This target shall be developed in coordination with the Program Administrator and shall be adjusted on an annual basis.

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