

**Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®**  
**CUSTOMER INCENTIVE FACT SHEET**

**Home Performance with ENERGY STAR®** is designed to transform the way energy efficiency services are delivered to existing 1 - 4 family homes. To qualify for incentives and financing options offered through the Program, the energy efficiency improvements must be evaluated through a Comprehensive Home Assessment and installed by an approved contractor participating in the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program.

- 1. Homeowner Financing Incentive (HFI)** – The incentive is paid directly to homeowners by LIPA after receipt of a Certificate of Completion by the Program. Only participating Home Performance with ENERGY STAR contractors can offer these incentives. Homeowners can expect to receive payment in about 8 to 10 weeks after the receipt of all completion paperwork. Incentives include both primary and supplemental incentives and are capped, per residential unit, at **\$5,000** for electrically heated homes and **\$3,000** for homes heated with fossil fuel that also have central air conditioning (CAC). Please note that LIPA incentives for natural gas heated homes with CAC are available only for a limited time. Homeowners may also elect to assign their incentive to the installation contractor<sup>1</sup>.

**Primary Incentives:**

Home Criteria	LIPA Incentive
Homes electrically heated (electric resistance or heat pump) with or without central air conditioning.	<b>75%</b> for insulation, air-sealing and/or duct sealing. <sup>†</sup>
Homes heated with fossil fuel (oil, natural gas <sup>††</sup> , or propane) <u>with</u> central air conditioning.	<b>25%</b> for insulation, air sealing, and/or duct sealing.

**Supplemental Incentives**

- \$35 per replacement window;
- \$10 per replacement storm door or window;
- \$100 toward the installed cost for a qualified ventilation system;<sup>†††</sup>
- \$50 toward the installed cost for each knob & tube wiring upgrade;
- \$25 toward the installed cost for each qualified wall mounted room air conditioner;
- \$150 of the installed cost for electric domestic hot water heater replacements.  
(Existing system must be electric – specific qualifications apply)

<sup>1</sup> To assign incentives to the installation contractor, both the homeowner and contractor must complete and sign a current HFI Assignment Form. Not all contractors may choose to participate in the incentive assignment offer.

<sup>†</sup>Must go through the Home Performance Direct program in order to qualify. Incentives will apply to eligible recommendations made as part of the additional weatherization work. Please call 1-877-ESTAR-LI for more program information.

<sup>††</sup>Homes heated with natural gas are eligible for a limited time only. If weatherization measures are installed by a pre-qualified contractor, you will be eligible for a rebate of 20% of the cost (up to \$750). Notification will be provided to the contractor when this offer ends.

<sup>†††</sup>Exhaust fans can cost approximately \$350-\$650 installed. Connecting an existing exhaust fan to the outdoors may cost approximately \$150-\$200. If exhaust fans piping to the outdoors is recommended as part of a Comprehensive Home Assessment – the piping must be installed prior to performing follow-on work.

## **How does the Homeowner Financing Incentive work?**

First you must sign a contract for program-eligible work with a contractor who is accredited by the Building Performance Institute (BPI) and is listed as a participating contractor in the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR program (for a list of participating contractors in your area, please call 1-877-ESTAR-LI or visit [www.lipower.org/efficiency](http://www.lipower.org/efficiency)). You must make arrangements to pay the contractor in full under the terms of your contract. Once the work is finished, your BPI-accredited contractor(s) will perform some final tests on the home to determine that the installation went well, and that the home is safe and healthy. You will sign a Certificate of Completion indicating that the work has been completed satisfactorily. You will then make final payment to the contractor based on the terms of the contract.

From there, the process is very simple. Once the Certificate of Completion is received and approved, Conservation Services Group (the program administrator) will file your claim with LIPA for incentives. The check will then be processed by LIPA and sent directly to you. You don't have to fill out any additional paperwork to make your claim!

You can expect to receive your Homeowner Financing Incentive check within 10-12 weeks from the time that the job is completed, depending on when completion paperwork is received from contractor.

**2. Energy Finance Solutions (EFS) Loan** – As an alternative to the HFI incentives described earlier homeowners may choose a low interest loan available through Energy Finance Solutions. This loan is subsidized by the Long Island Power Authority. Please ask your participating contractor for loan details and information regarding the application process. This loan will provide direct payment to the participating contractor via check or wire transfer while providing you with a low interest rate for your efficiency project.

Elements of the loan include:

- 6.75% buy down from current market interest rates;
- Loan amounts from \$2,500 to as much as \$20,000, depending on qualifications;
- Terms are for 3, 5, 7, or 10 years;
- Unsecured loan meaning that the application process is quick and easy.