



# ENERGIZE DELAWARE EMPOWERMENT GRANT

Funded by the Exelon Merger for Delmarva Power Customers

## What is the Empowerment Grant Program?

Delaware Sustainable Energy Utility—Energize Delaware was selected to facilitate the Empowerment Grant Program and funded by the merger of Delmarva Power with Exelon. This program will provide funding to organizations, property owners who rent to low-income communities and towns to administer energy efficiency programs that directly benefit Delmarva Power customers, whose households earn 60 percent or below the Delaware State median income.

To date, the Empowerment Grant Program has awarded nearly \$1 million in awards.

## The Funds Should be Used for the Following:

- Increase energy efficiency for low-income Delaware households
- Engage with and inform households about the benefits of efficiency and strategies available
- Develop a comprehensive community-based approach to address energy efficiency issues in low-income housing by mobilizing public and private sector resources, including grassroots, community-based, non-profit, and faith-based organizations
- Ensure to the greatest extent feasible that job training, employment, contracting, and other economic opportunities generated by this grant will be direct to low-income persons in Delmarva's service area.



Habitat for Humanity being awarded \$500,000 for a state-wide Refrigerator Replacement Program.

## Available Funds

The Empowerment Program Fund has been awarded \$4 million. It is envisioned that half will be dedicated to the large-scale programs and half to the community-scale programs, these ratios may vary depending on demand for each program. All funds must be directed to Delmarva Power customers in low-income communities.

### Large- Scale Programs

The initial amount of funds available for the large-scale programs for this offering is \$1 million. The maximum amount of the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Large-Scale Program funds is not to exceed \$1 million. The minimum award amount is to be no less than \$100,000.

### Community-Scale Programs

The initial amount of funds available for the community-scale programs for this offering is \$100,000. The maximum amount of the Low-Income Energy Efficiency Community-Scale Program funds is not to exceed \$100,000.



**Possible Activities Include:**

- Basic improvements that directly affect the safety, livability, or energy efficiency of the home
- Electrical wiring
- Furnace/boiler repair or replacement
- More efficient Insulation
- Smart Technology (e.g. thermostats and regulating systems)
- Energy Efficient Appliances
- Energy Efficient Windows
- Siding
- Roof repair or replacement
- Behavioral education about energy conservation (e.g. lighting, energy use, energy budgeting, etc.)
- Update HVAC systems
- Eco- friendly landscaping
- Multifamily housing retrofits

**Preferences Include:**

- Rental properties would need to income qualified and we would need to make sure that benefit of lower energy costs can be shown to assist the renter as well as the owner.
- Manufactured housing
- Individual family-owned houses

**Large-Scale Grant**

- Designed for: statewide, county, or regional program
- Non-Profit & For-Profit can receive up to \$1 million
- Designed for: small municipalities, neighborhoods, or local governments
- Non-Profit & For-Profit can receive up to \$100,000
- On- going rolling applications

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Photos from large-scale program workshops held in New Castle, Kent, & Sussex counties.



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