



Montgomery County Office of  
**Grants Management**

# **FY24 Healthy, Efficient, Electrified, Climate-Adapted Pilot (HEECAP) Homes Grants Program**

## ***Information Session Questions and Answers***

- 1. Would you please advise whether the church, as a non-profit organization recognized by the IRS 501(c)(3) and by the State of Maryland, is eligible to apply for this grant application?**

Religious institutions are eligible as 501(c)(3) organizations, provided they meet the other qualifications, such as being in good standing with SDAT.

- 2. MEA has a payback period of 15 years. Could we use these funds to "buy back" years if a project exceeds 15 years payback? For example, a project payback is expected to be 20 years. Could we use these funds to bring payback down to 15 years?**

DEP is open to conversation about how to mesh HEECAP with MEA programs, though wants to avoid replacing core MEA funding for efficiency programs. Page 4 of the NOFO indicates that HEECAP funds cannot supplant other grant funds. Feel free to contact DEP regarding the details.

- 3. Will preference for award be given to projects that take a whole-home approach (e.g., performing attic weatherization with electrification)?**

Please see page 17 of the NOFO.

- 4. Can PEPCO Home Performance with Energy Star rebates be used to supplement costs? (e.g., weatherization)?**

Yes, HEECAP is designed to complement weatherization programs rather than replace them.

- 5. Could this program cover a mini split system?**

Yes.

- 6. For multifamily condos, who must qualify as LMI, the tenants or the landlords (e.g., the landlord does not meet LMI income levels, but the tenant does.)?**

Our goal is to align with MEA. Multifamily eligibility is based on DHCD criteria. MEA does not offer multifamily programs.

**7. This program does not give grants directly to LMI residents. What other, similar programs are there that provide direct assistance to LMI residents?**

Check out <https://montgomeryenergyconnection.org/energy-assistance/> for a listing of programs that directly provide assistance to individuals.

**8. Are installation of solar panels and/or EV chargers eligible expenses under the HEECAP program?**

No. HEECAP aims to complement existing solar programs, such as MEA EV charger rebate and MEA Solar Equity Grant program.

**9. Are multi-unit dwellings (non condominiums) eligible under this program?**

Yes, nonprofit housing developers that are registered as a 501(c)3 can apply for multi-unit dwellings that aren't condos.