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2024 Regional Initiatives

Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign Home Energy Score Model Ordinance

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Proposed Process for Regional Initiatives



Staff Team, CAW, and Executive Committee submit proposals for regionally coordinated initiatives.

Staff Team evaluates proposals and identifies short list for discussion at annual retreat.

STEP 1:

Staff Team prepares options for regional initiatives.

Staff Team presents options for regional initiatives at annual retreat.

Staff Team, CAW, and Exec. Comm. discuss proposals.

Exec. Committee selects regional initiative at post-retreat meeting.

STEP 2:

Staff Team, CAW, and Executive Committee discuss options.

Today

Staff Team develops budget, plan, and timeline for regional initiative.

Jurisdiction partners propose regional initiative for inclusion in respective workplans and budgets.

If jurisdiction partners allocate necessary staff and resources, Staff Team proceeds with work on regional initiative.

Work may proceed immediately or be delayed to accommodate staff and budget resources.

Staff Team begins work on regional initiative.

Staff Team provides updates on project progress at regular Executive Committee meetings.

STEP 3:

Staff Team develops project plan.

STEP 4:

Jurisdictions allocate resources.

STEP 5:

Staff Team develops work product.

Selection of a regional initiative by the Executive Committee does not guarantee that it will be implemented by the Staff Team. Jurisdiction partners must approve the necessary staff, resources and budget for this work to occur.

Executive Committee advocates for allocation of staff and budget resources.

Executive Committee supports and champions completed work product.

Selected 2024 Regional Initiatives



At the 6/24/23 Annual Retreat, the TCMC selected Regional Initiatives for 2024:

- Residential Energy Efficiency and Electrification Campaign (EEE Campaign)
- Home Energy Score Model Ordinance (HES Policy)
- Both initiatives directly align with TCMP Strategies:
 - B1: Reduce energy use in existing residential buildings.
 - B6: Convert to cleaner fuel sources.
- Both were determined to be substantially improved by regional coordination.

2024 PROJECT PLAN:

PHASE I - DESIGN AND PLANNING



Background

The IRA has the potential to kickstart widespread residential decarbonization, with rebates and incentives to help households implement electrification and efficiency improvements.

However, many homeowners are unaware of electric technologies and their benefits and may not know how to take advantage of the forthcoming rebates.

Even those who are aware still face barriers to implementation including high upfront costs, lack of specific localized information, and limited technical support to guide them along the way.



Goals

- Accelerate residential building electrification and energy efficiency throughout the Thurston region
- Build and evaluate a foundational, holistic, and flexible program
- Raise awareness of climate, health, and economic benefits of electrification and energy efficiency
- Support energy equity by prioritizing benefits to LMI residents and overburdened communities
- Provide personalized, step-by-step technical guidance and support
- Quantify the number of home electrification and efficiency improvements resulting from the campaign



Campaign Structure

Web-Based Information Hub to provide education and location-based resources (Anticipated Launch: January 2024)

Advisory Support Service to answer technical questions and support action (Anticipated Launch: April 2024)

Local Incentive & Outreach Campaign to raise awareness and reduce financial barriers to action (Anticipated Launch: January 2025)



Web-Based Information Hub (January 2024)

Regional "Switch Is On" Pilot

Partnership with King County, Pierce County, Seattle, and Tacoma

The regional SIO pilot will feature:

- Educational website with information and resources about heat pumps and electric appliances and tools to find incentives and local contractors.
- The website rollout will be accompanied by a regional outreach campaign including a kickoff event for local leaders, contractor and community events, social media, and paid media.



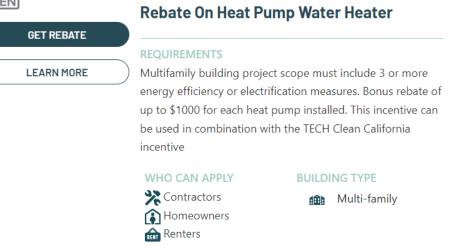
Incentive Search Tool

Search for available incentives by location, type, eligible equipment, and eligible applicants.



INCENTIVE LOOKUP FOR CUSTOMERS INCENTIVE TYPE ~ REBATE TAX CREDIT FINANCING INDUCTION LENDING PROGRAMS **BUILDING TYPE ~** SINGLE-FAMILY MULTI-FAMILY **EQUIPMENT TYPE ~** Choose INCOME QUALIFYING? ~ CONDITIONAL NO YES WHO CAN APPLY? ~ **HOMEOWNERS** CONTRACTORS **RENTERS**

	SEARCH			
SEARCH for local incentives by location, specialty and more.	CONNECT with trusted contractors, in our contractor directory	ENJOY the benefits of your new electric appliance.		
3C	Save \$500-\$750 Per Dwe Rebate On Heat Pump Wa			
GET REBATE				





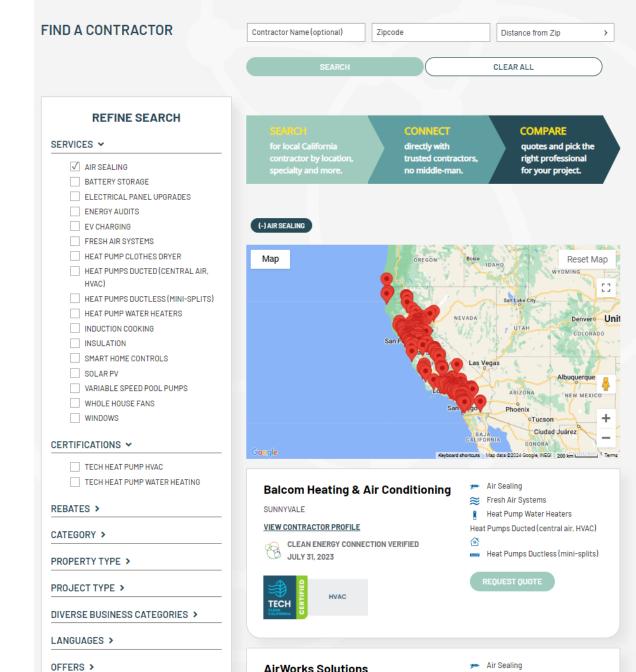
Contractor Search Tool

Search by zip code, services provided, and other criteria.

Contractors are vetted before being added to the directory. Contractors must:

- Sign a pro-electrification pledge
- Meet standard licensing and insurance requirements
- Have a proven performance record (positive reviews and ratings on reputable review sites)





VIEW CONTRACTOR PROFILE

Fresh Air Systems

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Heat Pumps Ducted (central air, HVAC)



Advisory Support Service (April 2024)

Personalized support service to make the information more relevant and actionable for individual residents.

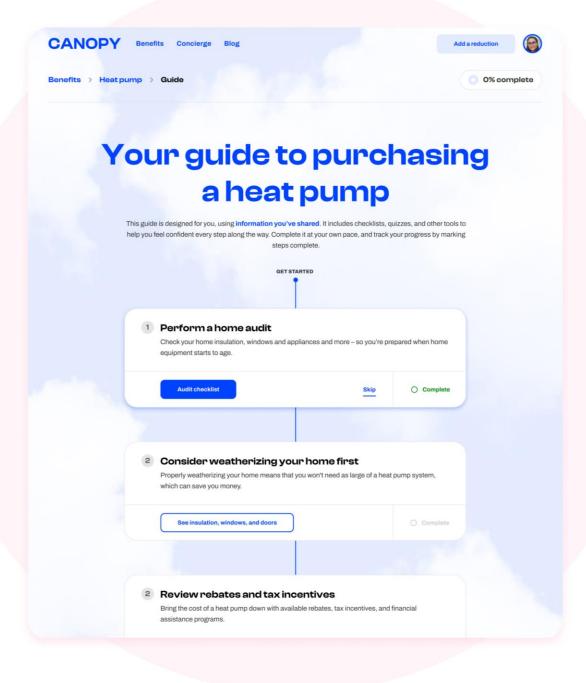
Contract with existing software and service provider (e.g., Canopy Climate).

The advisory support service will feature:

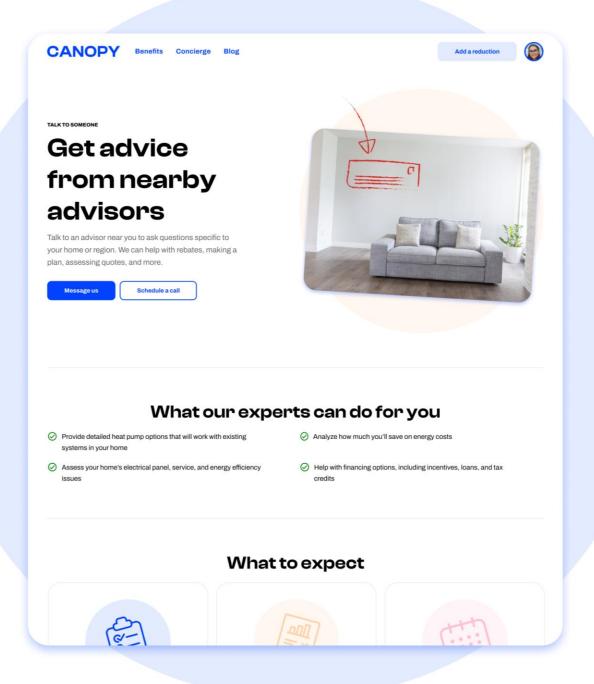
- An online "personal electrification planning" (PEP) tool for customized, step-by-step recommendations to support residents throughout the electrification process.
- One-on-one personalized support (email, phone, and/or video calls) to answer technical questions and help residents plan and complete home electrification and energy efficiency upgrades.

Personalized electrification planning (PEP) tool:

Recommendations and Step-by-Step Guides



1:1 advisory service to navigate projects, incentives and financing.





Local Incentive & Outreach Campaign (January 2025)

Design and plan in 2024 for a 2025 launch.

Build off the success and lessons of Energize Olympia.

Expand heat pump campaign to provide a wider range of services and incentives for all residents of Thurston County.

The local campaign will feature:

- Time-limited discounts for installations and services.
- Targeted outreach and marketing campaign.



Anticipated Funding Sources

Switch Is On Campaign

Thurston County, Olympia, King, Pierce, Seattle, Tacoma are contributing.

Phase I - Design & Planning (2024)

Each TCMC jurisdiction will contribute \$14,875 from 2024 budget.

Phase II – Launch & Implementation (2025)

- Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grants:
 \$81,040 (Thurston County), \$112,030 (Olympia), \$150,000 (Lacey)
- Potential additional funding sources



Step 1: Launch Advisory Support Service

January – April 2024 (evaluation in September)

Step 1 Deliverables:

- Executed ILA for 2024 Regional Initiatives
- Contract with Advisory Support Service provider
- Launch of Advisory Support Service and Personalized Electrification Planning (PEP) Tool
- Memo evaluating Advisory Support Service for potential inclusion in Phase II interlocal agreement



Step 2: Background Research and Stakeholder Engagement

January – June 2024

Step 2 Deliverable:

 Memo summarizing market assessment, program and incentive research, partner engagement, and community forum



Step 3: Develop Campaign Plan

June - August 2024

Step 3 Deliverables:

- Final Phase II Launch and Implementation Plan
- Draft ILA for implementation phase



Step 4: Prepare to Launch Campaign

September – December 2024

Step 3 Deliverables:

- Executed ILA for implementation phase
- Contract(s) with installation partners
- Communications Plan and Materials
- Partner and volunteer kickoff/training (may be moved into Phase II)

2024 PROJECT PLAN



Background

Lack of information on home energy performance is a significant barrier to improving energy efficiency of existing homes.

Several cities and states have developed residential home energy labeling policies and programs to increase consumer awareness of home energy performance.

Home energy assessment and disclosure programs provide homebuyers and occupants with an assessment of home energy performance, expected energy costs, and recommendations for cost-effective improvements to reduce energy use and costs.



Alignment with State Policy

The WA state legislature will likely consider a bill in 2024 to standardize home energy labeling using the Home Energy Score (developed by the United States Department of Energy) to adopt rules and implement a program for the licensing of home energy assessors.

If passed, the TCMC will align its residential performance disclosure ordinance with the state Home Energy Score and licensing requirements.



Model Ordinance Goals

Design and propose a regional HES Disclosure Policy for consideration by the TCMC Jurisdiction Parties in early 2025.

Proposal goals include:

- A regionally consistent policy
- A path to connect homeowners/occupants to existing and forthcoming resources.
- It will support energy equity and housing affordability by providing subsidized home energy assessments and additional resources.
- Increase implementation of home energy efficiency and electrification upgrades and retrofits.
- Develop a monitoring and reporting system to track implementation of home energy assessments and energy efficiency upgrades.
- Provide a mechanism for the real estate market to value both home energy performance and home energy improvements that reduce the cost of homeownership/occupancy.



Stakeholder Outreach

The largest portion of the planning for a HES model ordinance is the stakeholder engagement phase.

This policy plan includes steps for stakeholder engagement:

- TCMC Staff Team will review existing home energy assessment and disclosure policies, best practices and resources.
- Then the staff team will develop preliminary recommendations for key code concepts
- The staff team will then host focus groups to collect stakeholder feedback on the proposed concepts.
- After the initial feedback stage, the staff team will draft a model ordinance for review and feedback from key stakeholders, community members and jurisdictions partners.
- Based on feedback the staff team will then refine the proposed model ordinance, outline a supporting program to implement the proposed policy and estimate implementation costs.



Step 1 Policy Research (January-March 2024)

- 1.1 Execute ILA
- 1.2 Market Assessment
- 1.3 Policy Research
- 1.4 Policy Goals and Code Concepts

Step 1 Deliverables

• Memo summarizing the results of Step 1 (market assessment, policy research, and initial draft of policy goals and code concepts).



Step 2 Stakeholder Engagement (March-June 2024)

2.1. Stakeholder Engagement Part 1: Conduct focus groups to collect stakeholder feedback on proposed policy goals and code concepts.

2.2 TCMC Engagement

- Briefing and discussion with Climate Advisory Workgroup on proposed Policy Goals and Code Concepts.
- Briefing and discussion with Executive Committee on proposed Policy Goals and Code Concepts.

Step 2 deliverables

Summary of focus group feedback



Step 3 Draft Model Ordinance and Proposal for Supporting Program (July-September 2024)

- 3.1 Draft Model Ordinance
- 3.2 Design Supporting Program and Preliminary Budget
- 3.3 Partners request budget to develop a regional home energy score supporting program in 2025

Step 3 Deliverables

- Draft model ordinance.
- Proposed supporting program design and implementation budget.



Step 4: Refine Model Ordinance and Proposal for Supporting Program (October-December 2024)

- 4.1 Stakeholder Engagement Part 2
- 4.2 Brief jurisdiction advisory boards, committees, commissions, etc.
- 4.3 Brief TCMC Climate Advisory Workgroup and Executive Committee.
- 4.4 Revise model ordinance, program proposal and budget, as needed to address stakeholder and jurisdiction comments.

Step 4 Deliverables

- Final model ordinance for consideration by all jurisdiction partners.
- Supporting program design and implementation budget.



Step 5: Jurisdictions Consider Ordinance Adoption (target: January – February 2025)

Each jurisdiction will consider ordinance adoption.

Proposed Budget for 2024 Regional Initiatives



Project Step and Task	Description	Total
EEE Campaign		
1.3 Personal electrification planning (PEP) tool	One year of localized web platform to support residents (homeowners and renters) throughout the electrification process. This PEP tool will be integrated into the foundational SIO website for access by Thurston County residents, based on user zip code.	\$7,000
1.4 Advisory Service	 1-on-1 advisory service for residents to include both: Unlimited low-touch support via email High-touch support via phone and video calls for a maximum of 200 calls 	\$12,500
2.4 Stakeholder Engagement	Contract services to facilitate stakeholder engagements (in coordination with Policy Component)*	\$10,000
4.4 Develop communications plan and materials	Contract services to brand and develop outreach materials aligning with Energize Olympia and/or Switch Is On campaign.	\$5,000
HES Policy		¢25,000
2.1 Stakeholder Engagement	Contract services to facilitate stakeholder engagements (in coordination with Campaign Component)*	\$25,000
Subtotal		\$59,500
Per Partner		\$14,875

Next Steps



- Jurisdiction partners approve an Interlocal Agreement for the 2024 Regional Initiatives.
- Staff Team implements the Regional Initiatives as described in the project plans.

Questions & Discussion



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