

Build It Better

Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Program



A comprehensive guide to the requirements, rules and regulations of the City's premiere home improvement grant project.



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Make it more economical, strive to conserve energy, increase home energy efficiency, just Build it Better.

*Looking for help for high utility bills?
Tired of worrying month to month?
Then look into Build it Better!*



American Rescue Plan Act Funding Program

On March 11, 2021, President Joseph R. Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. These funds will be used to improve quality of life for Waynesville residents, to provide for immediate community recovery needs, and to create a long-term investment for Waynesville's future.

Purpose and Intent

The City of Waynesville's ARPA Grant Funding Board has developed programs to provide specific financial support to the City's citizens, businesses and workers that were impacted by COVID-19. One of these programs is the **Build it Better Home Energy Efficiency Improvement Program**.

The purpose of this program is to provide the necessary funding needed to repair and upgrade certain qualified City homes, in a effort to conserve energy and lower utility costs.

Do you qualify?

This program focuses on getting funding to low-income families who struggle monthly to pay their utility bills, especially during the cold weather season. In order to see if you qualify, check out the chart below:

Family Size	Income Range
1	\$ 22,750 - 36,350
2	\$ 26,000 - 41,550
3	\$ 29,250 - 46,750
4	\$ 32,450 - 51,900
5	\$ 35,050 - 56,100
6	\$ 37,650 - 60,250

Some rental properties may be eligible if the property caters to low-income families. Only single-family residences would be considered, so be sure to reach out to City Hall with any questions you may have regarding rental properties.



If I'm qualified, how do I apply?

Application packets can be picked up at City Hall, Monday thru Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm, or can be downloaded from the City's website at www.waynesvillemo.org starting November 1st.

The application packet will contain a DIY Home Energy Audit that you can use in identifying problem areas or concerns within your home. Once you have completed the application, return to City Hall and schedule a time for your application verification. A member of the Building Department staff will come and verify the address and any concerns you have noted on your audit and application and return the information to City Hall for review.

Review and Approval

Once your application is received, the ARPA Grant Funding Board will review your submission and determine if you are eligible or ineligible to receive funding, usually by the 15th of each month. If you are approved, the Board will award either \$1,000, \$1,500 or \$2,000 in reimbursement funds, based on your income and other factors. Awards will be announced at the beginning of the following month.

What happens next?

Once you have been approved for grant funding you may begin your project(s). Once your projects are complete you will contact City Hall and schedule your final inspection. Please keep in mind that this funding is for improvements made to windows, insulation, etc. Funds are not available for the purchase of energy efficient appliances. At the conclusion of the inspection, you should receive a final inspection report which you will then turn in to City Hall along with receipts and invoices for the materials and labor for the projects you applied for.

Once your documentation is verified by City staff, your reimbursement check will be issued and sent to the address you provided on your application.



Resources

EPA ENERGY STAR® - www.energystar.gov

Department of Energy - www.eere.energy.gov/consumer

Missouri Public Utility Alliance - www.mpua.org

Contacts

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