



MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY

The Michigan Home Energy Rebates (MiHER) program

BUILD YOUR FUTURE: UNLOCK NEW OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE MIHER PROGRAM

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Program History

What is the Home Energy Rebate Program?

Context

On Aug. 16, 2022, the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which provides nearly \$400 billion to support clean energy and address climate change, including \$8.8 billion for the Home Energy Rebates , was signed into law. These rebates — which include the Home Efficiency Rebates and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates — will put money directly back in the hands of American households. The State of Michigan was awarded \$210 million.

Purpose

The rebates are intended to help low- to moderate income residents save money on select home energy efficiency projects.

Statewide Equitable Participation by EGLE District

District	Total funding allocation	50121 funding	50122 funding
Bay City	\$16,640,898.55	\$8,473,742.51	\$8,167,156.03
Cadillac	\$12,953,710.79	\$6,596,182.86	\$6,357,527.93
Detroit	\$26,138,495.59	\$13,310,031.35	\$12,828,464.25
Lansing	\$18,094,487.96	\$9,213,927.45	\$8,880,560.52
Gaylord	\$12,899,664.53	\$6,568,661.87	\$6,331,002.66
Grand Rapids	\$16,824,749.70	\$8,567,361.69	\$8,257,388.01
Jackson	\$14,317,273.53	\$7,290,525.15	\$7,026,748.38
Kalamazoo	\$16,372,499.75	\$8,337,070.67	\$8,035,429.08
Marquette	\$13,209,077.19	\$6,726,218.46	\$6,482,858.74
Warren	\$18,931,747.69	\$9,640,270.01	\$9,291,477.68



We've Launched!

- Statewide launch: April 14th, 2025
- 12,000+ customer applications received
- 356 registered contractors
- 840 proposals submitted for approval



MiHER Program: Two Rebates Pathways

HOMES rebates are primarily focused on home weatherization measures. HEAR rebates are primarily focused on electrification measures. Rebates cannot be used from both HOMES and HEAR for the same measure.

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Home Efficiency Rebates Program (HOMES)

Total allocation \$105,696,321

Who is eligible? Low to moderate income households, defined as:

- 80% area median income (AMI) or less = 100% of project cost covered
- 80+% area median income = 50% of project cost covered

What is eligible?

- Insulation, Air Sealing
- Windows, Doors, Skylights
- Furnaces, Boilers, Central A/C
- Heat Pump
- Water Heaters
- Wood Pellet/Stove
- Pool Pump
- ENERGY STAR Appliances

Max rebate amounts	Modeled Energy Savings	<80% AMI	80+%
	20-34%	\$12,000	\$2,000
	35+%	\$20,000	\$4,000

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Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)

Total allocation \$105,291,160

Who is eligible? Low to moderate income households, defined as:

- 80% area median income (AMI) or less = 100% of project cost covered
- 80-150% area median income = 50% of project cost covered

What is eligible?

Max Rebates per Measure:

- Heat pump HVAC - \$8,000
- Heat pump water heater - \$1,750
- Heat pump clothes dryer - \$840
- Electric stove/cooktop - \$840
- Breaker box - \$4,000
- Electric wiring - \$2,500
- Weatherization - \$1,600

Max rebate amounts

- Max Consumer Rebate: \$14,000
- Max Contractor Rebate: \$500
- Max multi-family rebate: up to \$14,000 a unit

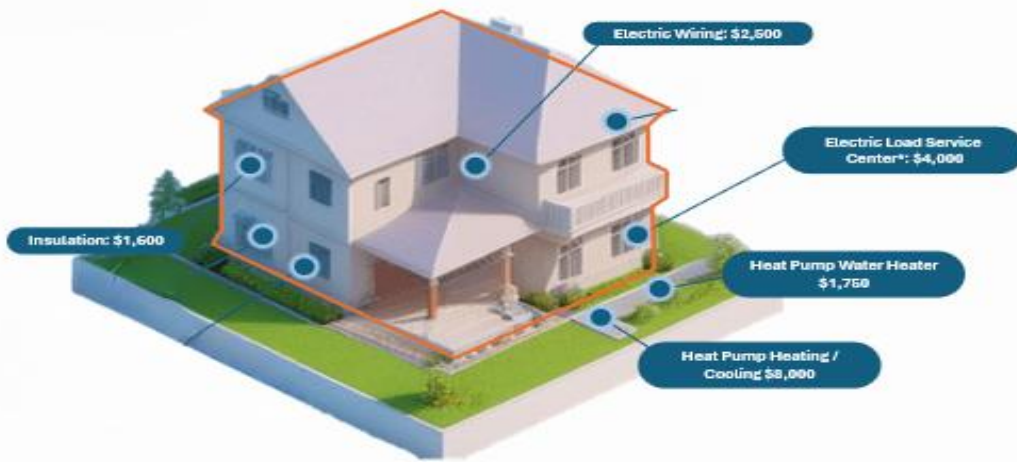


HOMES Program Overview – Modeled Approach

All HOMES modeled projects require a BPI-2400 Calibrated Energy Model conducted by a certified home energy assessor.



HEAR Program Overview – Prescriptive Approach



HEAR Measures	<80% AMI	>80-150% AMI
Heat Pump HVAC	\$8,000	\$4,000
Heat Pump Water Heater	\$1,750	\$875
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer	\$840	\$420
Electric Stove or Cooktop	\$840	\$420
Ventilation / Insulation / Air Sealing	\$1,600	\$800
Breaker Box	\$4,000	\$2,000
Electric Wiring	\$2,500	\$1,250

*Maximum rebate per household: \$14,000

MiHER Program: Contractor Overview

Due to requirements set by the Department of Energy requiring one set of project data and one invoice to be submitted per project (even if the project included multiple trades / contractors), the MiHER Program will delineate contractors participating in MiHER into the two following categories:

Primary Contractor*

A Primary Contractor (PC) will be responsible for submitting documentation required to claim the rebate for a home including the energy assessment data and energy model. If energy upgrades in a home involve multiple trades and multiple contractors (e.g. HVAC and Air Sealing), the MiHER program requires that a single invoice is submitted by the PC which incorporates all trades. The PC can subcontract any of the work to ensure the project will be completed successfully and holistically.

Supporting Contractor*

Supporting Contractor (SC) participates in the program in their specific field, such as Energy Audits, insulation and air sealing or HVAC. The SC will be responsible for working with/under a PC and will provide documentation of their work which is required for the rebate capture.

*The Primary Contractor may also act as a Supporting Contractor on projects, based on need



Home Assessment Requirements

A home assessment is required for all MIHER projects. Depending on the pathway, the assessment has different requirements. ***BPI Building Analyst Professional, RESNET, LIUNA Auditor or WAP Level 1 or 2 inspector***

All **HOMES** Modeled Assessments shall require:

- A BPI-2400 Calibrated Energy Assessment: MIHER BPI-2400 Calibrated Energy Assessment Checklist.
 - DOE-Approved Software: Snugg Pro, OptiMiser & PSD
- 12 months utility data
- \$700 compensation for rebated projects/\$400 for non-rebated projects

All **HEAR** Assessments shall require:

- An Uncalibrated Energy Assessment: MIHER Uncalibrated Energy Assessment Checklist
- A Utility Impact Bill Analysis (Only if a Heat Pump or Heat Pump Water Heater is Installed)
- \$250 compensation for all projects

All **Walk-Away** assessments shall require:

- MiHER Contractor Walk Away Evaluation
- \$150 compensation



Walk-Away Situations

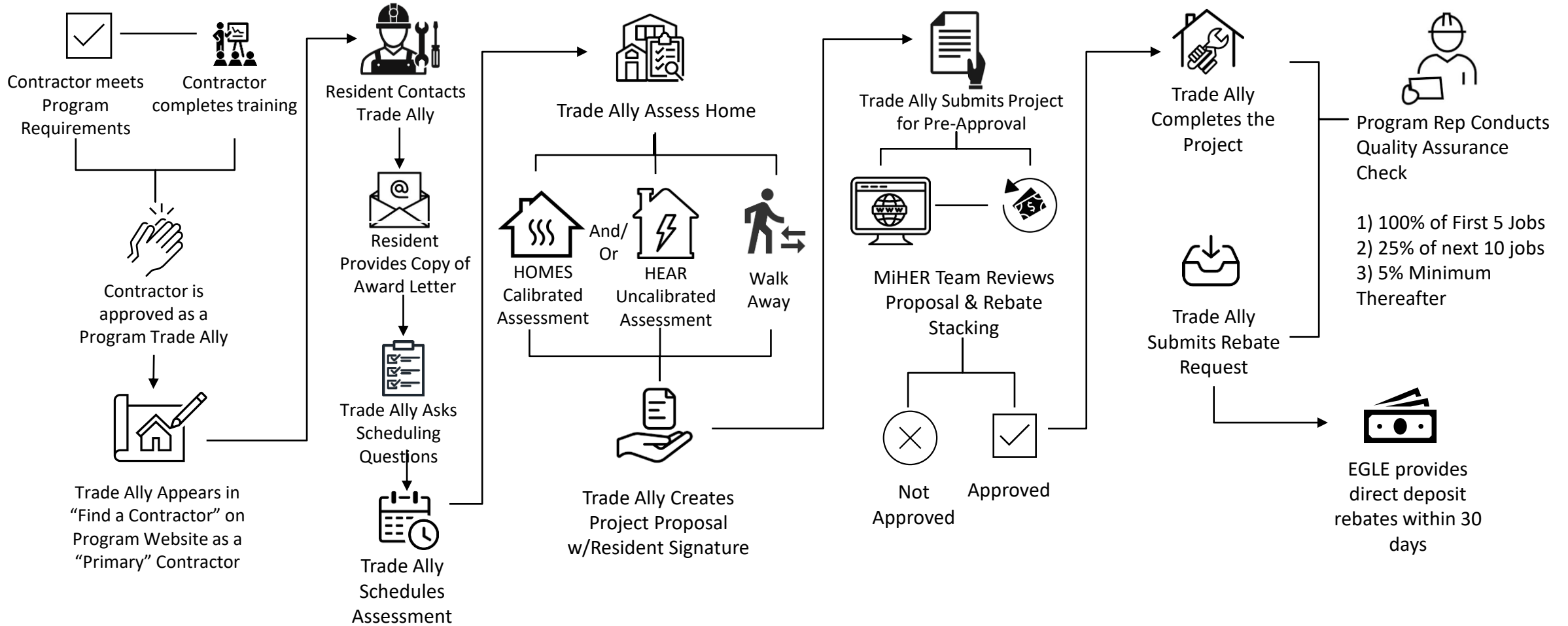
A "**walk-away situation**" during an energy assessment refers to circumstances where the energy assessor is unable to proceed due to safety, liability, or other serious concerns. In such situations, the assessor may decide to leave the property or halt the assessment entirely. Some common examples include:

1. **Severe Health or Safety Hazards:** If dangerous conditions such as structural instability, exposed electrical wiring, gas leaks, or mold are found that could pose immediate health risks to the occupants or the assessor.
2. **Uncooperative or Hostile Behavior:** If the occupant refuses to allow access to critical areas of the home, becomes verbally abusive, or refuses to follow necessary safety protocols.
3. **Unsafe Environmental Conditions:** Severe weather, such as flooding or extreme temperatures, that makes performing the assessment unsafe.
4. **Non-Compliance with Program Requirements:** If the home doesn't meet the eligibility requirements of the program, or if the customer refuses to provide necessary documentation, such as utility bills.

In these cases, the assessor will document the issue in the MiHER Contractor Walk-Away Evaluation Form and submit it to the program administrator



Customer/Contractor Journey



Materials Recycling Pledge

The MiHER program also provides an opportunity to support an advanced circular economy to create new companies and jobs in the state and divert 45% of our current waste stream from landfills.

All Contractors participating in the program are required to sign a Recycling Pledge as part of the MiHER program.

Pledge Commitments:

- Make waste reduction and recycling a part of our daily professional work routine.
- Educate staff, colleagues, vendors, and clients on the importance of waste reduction and recycling.
- Recycle or donate appliances with refrigerants removed and disposed of appropriately.
- Work with clients to use their available municipal recycling programs to keep materials out of landfills.
- Put the right materials in client curbside Recycling carts or community drop off centers.

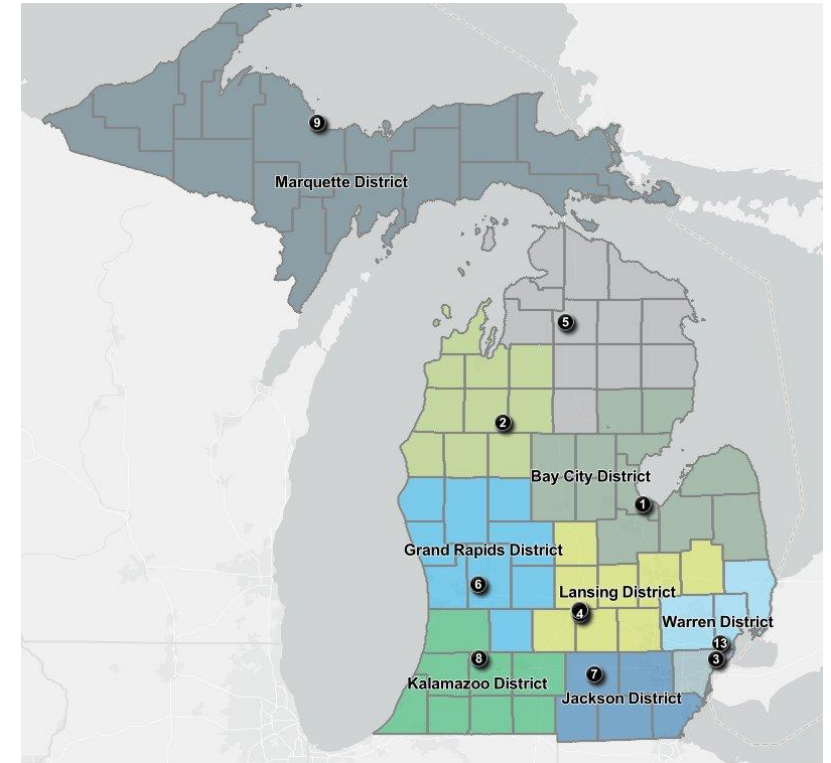


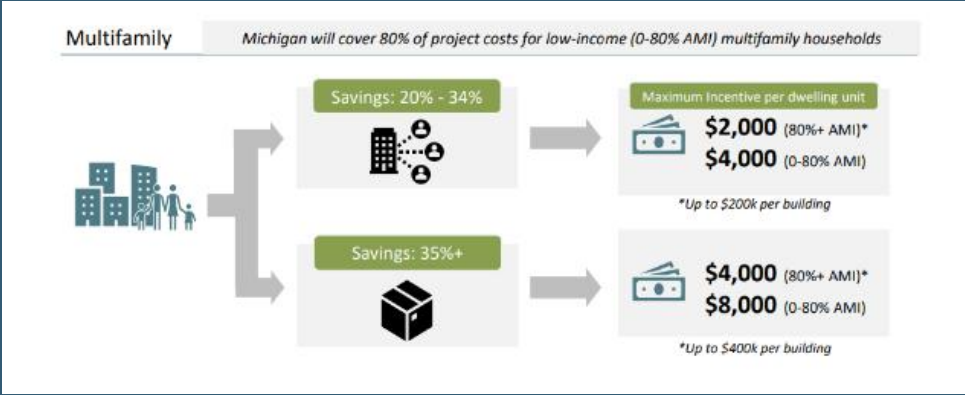
Quality Installation: Program Support

The MiHER program has BPI-certified staff to assist contractors through project completion.

The Building Science Consultants will support a given region and will support the project in the following ways:

- ❑ Support the contractor in keeping DOE standard compliance.
- ❑ Support the contractor with program processes/procedures and ensuring quality installations. (Material and Installations Guide.)
- ❑ Offer unbiased energy efficiency consultation and MiHER guidance to both contractors and participants
- ❑ Quality Assurance and Quality Control for a given project





Multifamily: Q1 2026

- A single building containing at least two dwelling units used for residential purposes
- Low-Income: A building with at least 50% of households with incomes less than 80% AMI (<80%)
- Moderate-income: A building with at least 50% of households with incomes less than 150% AMI (<150%)
- 10% of total MiHER rebate budget allocated to low-income multifamily buildings

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Note: Contractors will be able to reduce the administrative burden of demonstrating compliance with each requirement by submitting verification of their participation in another prequalified contracting network like Michigan Saves.

General requirements	What you need to provide	Ways to obtain
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique entity identifier (UEI) 	Provide your UEI federal identification number to EGLE	Contractors can request a UEI by visiting Entity Registrations . Visit Apply for / Renew a License or Permit for more information on obtaining relevant contractor's licenses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Licenses 	Copies of business license and applicable Michigan contractor's license	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insurance 	Proof of liability, automobile, and worker's compensation insurance	
(Workers' Compensation/Self-Insurance: \$100K per accident, \$500K policy limit) – VERY IMPORTANT		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Information 	W-9 form (signed and dated), EIN/tax documents, and banking information (voided check or direct deposit)	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background Checks 	Documentation of employee criminal background checks for all employees who will be entering homes	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MI Statewide Integrated Governmental Management Applications (SIGMA) Vendor Account Number 	Provide your unique SIGMA VSS identifier	Navigate to AdvantageVSS - SIGMA VSS and complete online portal registration.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Equal Employment Opportunity 	Provide equal employment history and plans	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Terms & conditions of contractor agreement 	Sign and agree to terms and conditions	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-year warranty on all work 	Provide warranty confirmation	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible materials management commitment 	Signature confirming contractors' commitment to responsibly disposing or reusing materials removed from homes. In addition, contractors will be required to take trainings on materials management, these trainings have not been identified/created.	Recycle Pledge Additional materials management trainings coming.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commit to yearly program training 	Contractors accepted to the program will be required to have one employee complete a virtual training yearly, which will cover topics like invoicing, quality assurance documentation and other program requirements.	N/A

Contractor/Trade Ally Support: Weekly office hours Tuesday & Friday at 9 a.m. -10 a.m. to have questions addressed, weekly contractor meetings every Wednesday at 11 a.m. – 12 p.m., and Trade Ally Liaison EJ Harrelson.



QUESTIONS/DISCUSSION

-WAYS TO SIGN UP-

Go to: [EGLE's Contractor Website](#) for a review of program and contractor qualifications.

Call (855)-510-7080



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