



DEQ Low-Embodied Carbon Housing Project

Frequently Asked Questions

Once I submit an application via the Google Form, how long will it take to finalize the Rebate Agreement?

Please note that as of 12/9/2025 DEQ is still waiting for final sign off from the Department of Justice on the contract template for the whole program. Once this is finalized, and the Local Government entity has approved the total number of units per project, DEQ can begin to draft a contract.

Once the application is submitted, it could take up to 6 weeks to receive and execute the agreement, depending on the total rebate amount requested. Upon receiving your application, your Local Government will review and approve your request and notify DEQ that your application is ready for final review. Once DEQ approves, they will draft the Rebate Agreement and circulate it to the point of contact listed in your application for signature.

Who should I reach out to if I have a question about the application?

Please reach out to your Local Government point of contact for any questions about the application.

I am an applicant interested in learning more about low-embodied carbon housing materials that are approved for this project. Where can I find a list of those approved materials?

Please look at the [Low Embodied Carbon Compliance Guidebook](#) and [DEQ Embodied Carbon Reporting Form](#) under the 'Embodied carbon reduction technical resources' section of the [Low-Embodied Carbon Housing Program web page](#).

How do I know if my project is eligible for the program?

Please review the 'Is my project eligible?' flow chart in the [Applicant Guidebook](#).

When can I begin receiving technical assistance from Carbon Leadership Forum for the embodied carbon reduction requirement?

Applicants can begin working with Carbon Leadership Forum once they have an executed Rebate Agreement with DEQ.

What project costs are eligible for the rebate?

Please review the 'Step 3. Rebate request' section of the [Applicant Guidebook](#).

When can I receive my rebate?

Rebates are reimbursed at the end of the project. Once your project has received your Certificate of Occupancy from your local jurisdiction, you will submit the Rebate Request Form along with the required materials that demonstrate compliance with all requirements.

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How do I know if my project must comply with Build America, Buy America?

Please review the BABA Purpose, place, and time test, and flow chart, in the 'Step 1. Apply to program' section of the [Applicant Guidebook](#). If you are still unsure, please reach out to your local jurisdiction to discuss.

Why isn't my jurisdiction eligible for the Low-Embodied Carbon Housing Program?

DEQ received limited funds to support the program and, therefore, needed to limit the number of partner jurisdictions. DEQ used the following criteria to select partner jurisdictions:

- a) An existing pipeline of 'shovel-ready' projects that could meet the federal grant timeline.
- b) An existing mechanism to support recruitment, distribution, and ongoing support to Applicants enrolled in the Program.
- c) Jurisdictions represent a diversity of geographies, populations, and development types across the state.

Are only rentals eligible, or can homeownership units qualify for the rebate as well?

Both rental and homeownership units qualify.

How do I determine if my project meets affordability requirements?

The Low-Embodied Carbon Housing Program uses the OHCS Moderate-Income Revolving Loan (MIRL) Income Limits and Rent Limits. Rental units should use the current MIRL Rent Limits data set. Homeownership units should use the current MIRL Income Limits data set.

Are appliances and equipment eligible project costs for rebates?

Some appliances and equipment are eligible project costs for reuse projects only. Eligible appliances and equipment are those which are required for dwelling units by current 2023 Oregon Residential Specialty Code (ORSC) including heating system and hot water. 2023 ORSC does not require refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, washer, dryer, or cooling system, so those are not eligible expenses.

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