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Appliance rebate program for low-income homeowners may end soon

SALEM—Low-income homeowners in Oregon who want to take advantage of an appliance rebate program better act fast as funds for the program will likely be gone by summer.

For a few more months, these Oregonians can still qualify for rebates of 70 percent on Energy Star® appliances through a program administered by the Oregon Department of Energy. The rebates are for Energy Star® heat pumps, furnaces, water heaters, refrigerators, dishwashers and clothes washers.

Eligible Oregonians are those who own their home and earn less than 60 percent of the state's median income levels (see chart below). The program – made possible through federal stimulus funds – is a partnership with the Oregon Department of Housing and Community Services. OHCS also provides additional assistance benefits for those in crisis situations.

Homeowners who meet the income requirements and qualify for a voucher must purchase eligible Energy Star® appliances. The homeowner then seeks reimbursement from ODOE for 70 percent of the purchase price of the equipment – up to a specified maximum. The new Energy Star® appliance must replace a used appliance that must be legally recycled – not sold or reused – in order to receive rebate funds.

For more information on the program, please go to the OHCS website at www.oregon.gov/OHCS/, call 1-800-453-5511 (option 2, selection 4) or e-mail appliancebate@hcs.state.or.us.

Rebate maximum amounts for ENERGY STAR

- Furnaces – 70% up to \$2,000
- Heat pumps – 70% up to \$2,000
- Refrigerators – 70% up to \$700
- Electric heat pump water heaters – 70% up to \$1,400
- Gas tankless water heaters – 70% up to \$1,200

- Gas storage water heaters – 70% up to \$1,400
- Dishwashers – 70% up to \$400
- Clothes washers – 70% up to \$800

Income Guidelines for Oregon*

Size of family unit	Annual income 60% of median	Monthly income 60% of median
1	\$22,321	\$1,860.08
2	\$29,189	\$2,432.42
3	\$36,057	\$3,004.75
4	\$42,925	\$3,577.08
5	\$49,793	\$4,149.42
6	\$56,660	\$4,721.67
7	\$57,949	\$4,829.08
8	\$59,237	\$4,936.42
9	\$60,524	\$5,043.67
10	\$61,812	\$5,151.00
11	\$63,100	\$5,258.33
12	\$64,388	\$5,365.67
Each additional member	\$1,288	\$107.33

*For October 2010-October 2011

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