

New Hampshire Policy & Incentives Highlights



Disclaimer: Not a comprehensive summary of the policies and incentives applicable in the state. Visit www.dsireusa.org or local utility websites for additional programs and details.

Definitions

Building Codes	Building Performance Standards	Incentives & Rebates
<p>Model Building Codes: National consensus-based codes like ASHRAE® Standard 90.1 and IECC</p> <p>State Building Codes: Often based on model codes, but can be unique to local market</p> <p>Stretch Building Codes: A locally mandated code or alternative compliance path that is more aggressive than base code</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• (BPS) Complements building energy codes; the 2 strategies work in tandem to improve building performance• State/City laws that require existing buildings to improve energy efficiency and/or carbon emissions• Typically, includes energy efficiency, water conservation, indoor air quality and indoor environmental standards	<p>Prescriptive: includes...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Direct 1:1 replacement for commonly installed equipment• Specific dollar amounts for completing qualifying energy efficiency measures <p>Custom:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on energy saved over a specified baseline period• Calculated in terms of peak kW, kWh, therms or per sq ft to be saved by efficiency measure or equipment

Current Commercial Policy Trends

RSA 12-P:7-a directs the Department of Energy to prepare a 10-year energy strategy for the state. At least every 3 years starting in 2021, the Department is required to review the strategy and consider any necessary updates. Access details here - [2021 State Energy Strategy | NH Department of Energy](#).

2021 State Energy Strategy

This process was completed in July 2022 with the release of a revised State Energy Strategy. Access the 2021 strategy report [here](#).

New Hampshire Energy Policy Goal Summary

Goal 1: Prioritize cost-effective energy policies

Goal 2: Ensure a secure, reliable, and resilient energy system

Goal 3: Adopt all-resource energy strategies and minimize government barriers to innovation Goal 4: Achieve cost-effective energy savings

Goal 5: Achieve environmental protection that is cost-effective and enables economic growth

Goal 6: Government intervention in energy markets should be limited, justifiable, and technology-neutral Goal 7: Support a robust, market-selection of cost-effective energy resources

Goal 8: Generate in-state economic activity without reliance on permanent subsidization of energy. Goal 9: Protect New Hampshire's interests in regional energy matters

Goal 10: Ensure that appropriate energy infrastructure is able to be sited while incorporating input and guidance from stakeholders.

Available Incentives and Rebate Programs

State Energy Program

The U.S. Department of Energy's State Energy Program provides funding and technical assistance to the New Hampshire Department of Energy, to enhance energy security, advance energy initiatives, and maximize the benefits of decreasing energy waste.

The New Hampshire Department of Energy administers State Energy Program (SEP) sub-grants to fund the following initiatives.

Building Improvements

This initiative focuses on increasing energy conservation and energy efficiency in New Hampshire's building stock by:

- Maintaining a State Energy Database (Energy Enterprise Management System), used to track energy usage data for state buildings.
- Facilitating the State Government Energy Committee to promote and support new energy policy and initiatives aimed at saving energy within state government.

Commercial and Industrial Energy Efficiency Programs

CORE Business Energy Efficiency Program

New Hampshire electric and natural gas utility business customers can take advantage of their company's energy efficiency products and services. Offerings range from rebates for new lighting and control systems to assistance financing larger upgrades. See each utility's site for more detailed information:

- [Liberty Utilities](#)
- [New Hampshire Electric Cooperative](#)
- [Eversource](#)
- [Unitil](#)

Community Development Finance Authority Clean Energy Fund

CDFA will help businesses, towns and non-profits navigate the energy investment financing process.

- [Clean Energy Fund](#)

DOE Better Buildings Financing Navigator

A web-based financing navigator to help private and public sector organizations discover financing solutions that meet their unique needs.

- [Energy Efficiency Project Financing Navigator](#)

Industrial Energy Efficiency Program

The federally-sponsored [Industrial Assessment Center](#) (IAC) at the University of Massachusetts provides eligible manufacturers with a no-cost efficiency analysis of their plant and process operations, with the goal of reducing energy and waste costs by increasing manufacturing productivity.

New Hampshire Rural Renewables Grant Program

Lakes Region Community College (LRCC) is currently managing the grant that provides development assistance to rural small businesses in New Hampshire. They have an informational brochure called the [Financial Incentives for Commercial Sustainable Energy in New Hampshire](#).

Municipal and Non-profit Energy Efficiency Programs

- [The New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority \(CDFA's\) Municipal Energy Reduction Fund](#) assists municipalities with efficiency upgrades.
- The CORE programs offered by the electric and natural gas utilities include a municipality-specific program; see the NHSaves website for details.
- Finally, the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority [Clean Energy Fund](#) could offer opportunities for energy efficiency financing for New Hampshire Businesses, towns and non-profits.

Additional Resources

- [Database of State Incentives for Renewables and Efficiency](#) (DSIRE) is the most comprehensive source of information on incentives and policies that support renewables and energy efficiency in the United States. Established in 1995, DSIRE is currently operated by the N.C. Solar Center at N.C. State University, with support from the Interstate Renewable Energy Council, Inc. DSIRE is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

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