

## Cost Limits and Allowances

These cost limits and allowances are for single family houses or mobile homes or multi-unit dwellings having fewer than 5 units. Multi-unit dwellings with 5 or more units require DCAA prior approval.

### Average Expenditure per Completed Unit Limit

The Average Expenditure per Unit Limit applies to homes charged as completions to the DOE Contract. The Average Expenditure per Unit Limit does not apply to homes charged as completions to the HEAP Contract. The average limit is updated annually by DOE. The DCAA notifies agencies at the beginning of each program year as to what the updated Expenditure per Unit Limit is.

### Total Cost of Home (based on estimated cost using DOE, HEAP, Utility, ECIP funds)

Work on homes requires DCAA prior approval when estimated total cost (plumbing, mechanical, weatherization work, refrigeration appliances, etc.) is more than: \$12,000.

The estimated cost includes health and safety, energy efficiency, and repair work using DOE, HEAP, Utility, and ECIP funds.

### Support Allowance (per home)

- Completed Home: 35% of the sum of DOE, HEAP, Utility, and ECIP expenditures for health and safety, labor, and materials
- Incomplete Home: \$200

### Expenditure Limits

The following expenditure limits are in effect for the current program year. All limits include the costs for labor and materials.

- **Furnace Tune/Clean (natural gas)**
  - Limit of \$125 may be charged to a utility contract
- **Heating System Replacement**
  - Limit of \$3,500 may be charged to a utility contract
- **Heating System Repair - All systems except boilers**
  - Limit of \$1,000 (per dwelling, excluding ductwork)
- **Heating System Repair – Boilers and Heat Pumps**
  - Limit of \$2,000 (per dwelling)
- **Furnace Venting**
  - Limit of \$250 may be charged to a utility contract
- **Programmable Thermostat**
  - Limit of \$100 may be charged to a utility contract

- **ECIP**
  - Agencies may use ECIP funds for furnace repair/replacement. The ECIP allowance per furnace repair/replacement is:
    - \$1,500 - When furnace repair/replacement is done in conjunction with weatherization
    - \$3,000 - When furnace repair/replacement is not done in conjunction with weatherization
- **Water Heater Replacement**
  - Limit of \$1,500 may be charged to a utility contract – primary fuel only
  - Limit of \$1,000 may be charged to a utility contract – secondary fuel only
- **Water Heater Venting**
  - Limit of \$250 may be charged to a utility contract

#### **General Health and Safety Repairs**

- General health and safety repairs are defined as “Repairs necessary (1) for installation of weatherization measures and (2) to eliminate health and safety problems in the home.”
- General health and safety repairs are limited to: plumbing repairs, electrical repairs, Energy Star rated dehumidifiers, sump pumps, gutters and downspouts, banking and grading, minor asbestos removal, pest removal, and mold/mildew cleanup.
- Limit of \$1,500 per home

#### **Incidental Repairs**

- Incidental repairs are limited to what is allowed by the NEAT/MHEA Audit’s Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR). The cost of these repairs must be input in the NEAT/MHEA Audit and may be done only if the NEAT/MHEA Audit’s cumulative SIR is 1.0 or greater. Incidental repair work must be done in accordance with the Work Standards, where described.
- Limit of \$400 may be charged to a utility contract, in support of successful application of efficiency measures (may use primary or secondary utility; not both).

#### **Infiltration Measures**

- Infiltration measures are limited to what is allowed by the NEAT/MHEA Audit’s Savings to Investment Ratio (SIR). The cost of these measures must be input in the NEAT/MHEA Audit and may be done only if the infiltration has an individual SIR is 1.0 or greater. Infiltration work must be done in accordance with the Work Standards, where described.
- Limit of \$500 may be charged to a utility contract (may use either primary or secondary utility; not both)

#### **Duct Sealing**

- Limit of \$350 may be charged to a utility contract (only applicable to furnace ducts in unconditioned spaces)
- When paid with HEAP or DOE funds, applicable to furnace ducts as needed

#### **Knob & Tube Special Project Funds** (based upon available funding)

- Knob and tube wiring in owner-occupied homes may be replaced, so weatherization measures can be installed. Only homes that can be completed are to receive these electrical measures. A maximum of \$5,000 may be spent on the home to replace knob and tube wiring. Any additional costs for this work must be paid from other funds (not HEAP, DOE, or Utility funds).

#### **Compact Fluorescent Lights (CFLs)**

- CFLs (5w – 30w) – Limit of \$7/bulb, maximum 20 bulbs per house, minimum of 1.5 hours/day, Energy Star rated

- 3-Way CFLs (5w – 30w)– Limit \$15/bulb, maximum 2 per house, minimum of 1.5 hours/day, Energy Star rated

#### **Water Heating Measures**

- Faucet Aerators – Limit of \$5/aerator, maximum 3 per house
- Pipe Wrap – Limit of \$10 per side, maximum 2 – 6 foot sections per house (6' on each side – hot and cold)
- Low-Flow Showerheads – Limit of \$10/showerhead (includes handheld low-flow showerheads), maximum 2 per house

#### **Refrigerator Replacement**

- Limit of \$850 may be charged to a utility contract (limit 1 per home for utilities)

#### **Freezer Replacement**

- Limit of \$650 may be charged to a utility contract (limit 1 per home for utilities)

#### **State of Iowa Travel Allowances**

Reimbursement for mileage, meals, and lodging is in accordance with State of Iowa travel allowances. The current allowances are shown below.

- Meals
  - Breakfast: \$ 5.00
  - Lunch: 8.00
  - Dinner: 15.00
- Overnight Lodging (per night)
  - \$65.00 + tax (no reimbursement for safety box fees)
- Mileage
  - \$0.39/mile

## WEATHERIZATION MEASURES

MEASURE	IPL		MEC		BHE	DOE	HEAP
	Primary	Secondary	Primary	Secondary	Primary		
<b>Insulation - Attic, Wall, Floor or Foundation, Duct, Underbelly and Bandjoist</b> * Secondary utilities pay only if an air conditioner is present (up to 100% if a home is all electric) * If there is a secondary utility to pay, then primary only pays 80% * (Utilities pay up to \$4,000) * If propane is primary, federal funds pay 80%, utility pays 20%	80% - 100%	20%	80% - 100%	20%	80% - 100%	100%	100%
<b>Furnace Replacement</b> * Utilities - Must be 92%+ EF (90%+ mobile home), limit 1 per home * DOE/HEAP - Must be 95%+ EF (80%+ mobile home)	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	Yes	Yes
<b>Heating System Repair</b> * All systems except boilers and heat pumps - \$1,000 limit, per dwelling, excluding ductwork * Boilers and heat pumps - \$2,000 limit, per dwelling	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Furnace Venting</b>	\$250	No	\$250	No	\$250	Yes	Yes
<b>Furnace Tune/Clean N.G.</b> * Utility - May be performed on 1 existing N.G. unit per home	\$125	No	\$125	No	\$125	Yes	Yes
<b>Programmable Thermostat</b> * Must be 7 day, 5 + 2 day, or 5 + 1 + 1 day	\$100	No	\$100	No	\$100	Yes	Yes
<b>Refrigerator Replacement</b> * Must be Energy Star-rated and run through BART * Utility - limit 1 per home	No	\$850	No	\$850	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Freezer Replacement</b> * Must be Energy Star-rated and run through BART * Utility - limit 1 per home	No	\$650	No	\$650	No	No	Yes
<b>Water Heater Replacement</b> * All water heaters must be Energy Star-rated (.67 EF for natural gas) and EXCEPT mobile home water heaters, limit 1 per home * All combustion water heaters must be either direct-vent or power-vent	\$1,500 (NG)	\$1,000 (electric)	\$1,500 (NG)	\$1,000 (electric)	\$1,500 (NG)	Yes	Yes
<b>Water Heater Repair</b> * Includes associated plumbing	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Water Heater Venting</b>	\$250	No	\$250	No	\$250	Yes	Yes
<b>Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs</b> 5 Watts to 30 Watts (* Limit 20 per home, ES-rated) 3-Watt (* Limit 2 per home, ES-rated, 5w-30w) Circledine (* Limit 1 per home) * All CFLs must be used for a minimum of 1.5 hrs per day	No	\$7	No	\$7	No	\$7	\$7
	No	\$15	No	\$15	No	\$15	\$15
	No	No	No	No	No	\$10	\$10
<b>Waterbed Mattress Cover</b>	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
<b>Water Heating Measures</b>							
Faucet aerator (* Limit 3 per home)	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5	\$5
Pipe wrap * Limit 2 - 6' sections per home * Up to \$10 per side (hot/cold)	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Showerhead (* Limit 2 per home - includes handheld)	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10
Water heater wrap * Charged to primary/secondary depending on fuel type of w.h.	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Admin/Support limits</b>	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	by contract	by contract
<b>Infiltration Measures</b> * Utility - Caulking and sealing of whole house as indicated by initial audit including attic bypass sealing * May use either primary or secondary utility - not both	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	Yes	Yes
<b>Duct Sealing</b> * HEAP/DOE - Applicable to furnace ducts as needed * Utilities - Only applicable to furnace ducts in unconditioned spaces	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	\$350	Yes	Yes
<b>Incidental Repair Measures</b> * Utility - In support of successful application of efficiency measures * May use either primary or secondary utility - not both	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400	Yes	Yes
<b>General Health &amp; Safety Repairs</b> * Includes plumbing/electrical repairs, dehumidifiers, sump pumps, gutters, downspouts, banking/grading, mold/mildew clean-up, minor asbestos removal, pest removal	No	No	No	No	No	\$1,500	\$1,500

**REMEMBER: Anything that uses electricity to operate, cannot be charged to the primary utility.**

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