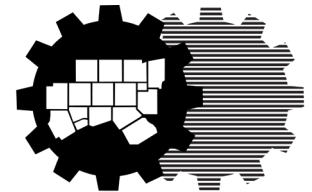


(Em)Powering Your Community: Available Funding and Incentives with the State Energy Conservation Office

NORTH CENTRAL TEXAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

June 4, 2026



**North Central Texas
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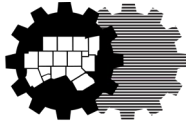
Workshop Sponsor



NCTCOG receives funding through SECO to work on energy management and efficiency projects within the region. As part of this work, we have provided workshops, webinars, and technical assistance on a variety of energy management, energy efficiency, water efficiency, and renewable energy topics.

Who We Are

How do we support energy management efforts for entities across the state?



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NCTCOG is a regional planning agency serving North Texas local governments on a variety of topics. NCTCOG's Regional Energy Management Program is an ongoing effort to identify energy management needs, increase awareness on the local government energy reporting requirements, and provide resources to assist local governments in energy management and conservation efforts.



SECO partners with local governments, public K-12 schools, public institutions of higher education and state agencies, across Texas to reduce utility costs and maximize energy efficiencies.



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Today's Agenda

1. Speaker Introductions
2. Presentations:
 - Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Program
 - Texas HOMES and HEEHR Programs
3. Q&A Session
4. Upcoming Events
5. Resources



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Speaker Introductions






Kacy Wycoff

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Presentations: SECO Resources and Programs



Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund Program (EE RLF)

Kacy Wycoff, Program Lead



KELLY HANCOCK, ACTING TEXAS COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

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State Energy Conservation Office

- Office under the Comptroller of Public Accounts (CPA).
- Promotes the efficient use of energy and reduction of energy demand for public entities
- Target Audiences
 - Public K-12 School Districts
 - Public Higher Education
 - Local/County Governments
 - State Agencies
 - Public Hospitals
 - Quasi Governmental Entities
 - Industrial Energy Efficiency



SECO Programs

SEP Programs

Energy Education and Training

Technical Assistance

Emerging Clean Energy Technology

LoanSTAR Revolving Loan Program

Statutory Activities

Supplemental Fund Programs

Lighting Retrofits - ISDs

Lighting Retrofits- Hospitals

EECBG

Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Program

Home Energy Rebate Program

Training for Residential Energy Contractors

Energy Efficiency Revolving Loan Fund (EE RLF)



- Total amount available: **\$16,000,000.00**
- Max loan amount: **\$3,000,000**
 - Applicants can apply for up to 2 separate loans
- Loan Term is useful life of longest-term upgrade/retrofit
 - Maximum 15 years if longest-term retrofit exceeds 15 years
- Loan Interest Rate: **1.25%**
- **ASHRAE Audit provided by SECO**

Program Process

**Notice of
Loan Fund
Availability
posted to
ESBD**



**Entities apply
and are
selected**



**ASHRAE
Audits
completed**



**Project
approved and
loan
agreement is
executed**

Borrower Eligibility

Facilities owned by municipalities, counties, or hospital districts that provide social, educational, and recreational activities.

- Recreation Centers
- Public Libraries
- Community Centers
- Civic Centers
- Senior Centers

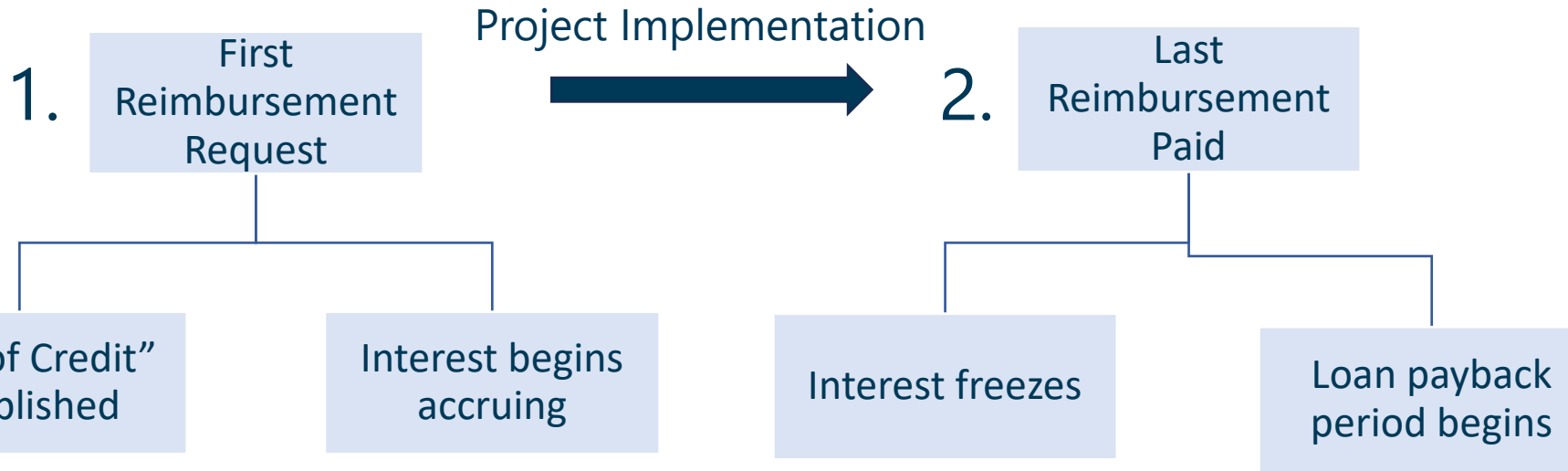


Retrofit Project Requirements

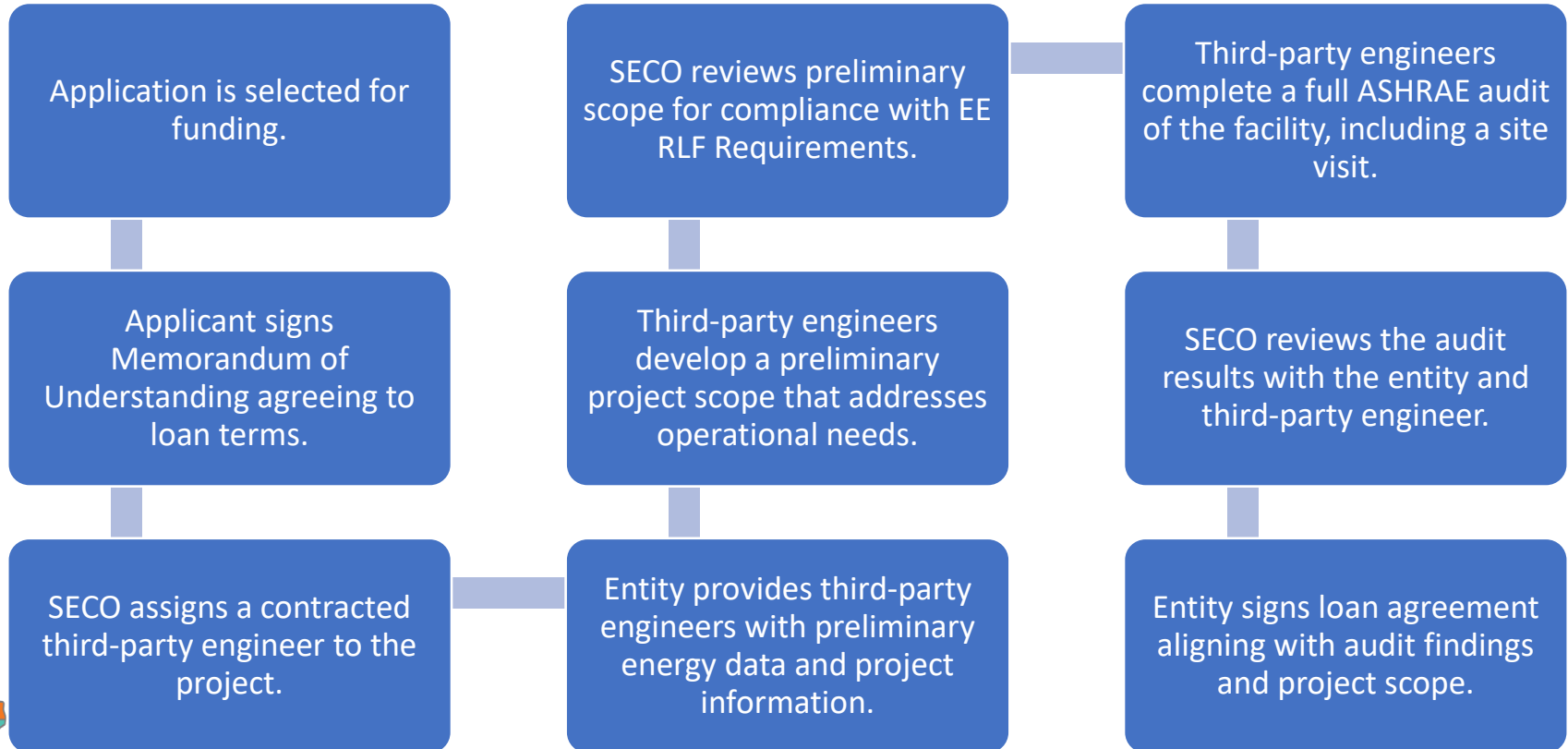
- All upgrades and retrofit projects must be recommended in the ASHRAE Energy Audit.
- Retrofits must improve energy efficiency of the building or facility.
- All projects must comply with **Build America, Buy America** and **Davis-Bacon Act** provisions.
- Retrofits must reduce the energy intensity of the building or facility.



Loan Process



Audit Process



NOLFA Details

- Currently posted to the ESBD
- Application Deadline: December 18, 2026
- Applications are first come, first serve.



NCTCOG Webinar:

“(Em)Powering Your Community: Available Funding and Incentives

Texas HOMES and HEAR Programs

STATE ENERGY CONSERVATION OFFICE



KELLY HANCOCK
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State Energy
Conservation Office

Agenda

LeShawn Smith, Program Manager



HOMES and HEAR Program Overview



Planning Process



Comments and Questions



Program Overview



The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 authorized U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to carry out two programs:

- Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES)
- Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)

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in funds available to states for residential energy upgrades.



Visit <https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/seco/funding/ira/> for more program information

Texas HOMES and HEAR



- Texas was allocated the largest Home Energy Rebate program funding



- State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) is the administrator



- APTIM will serve as planning and implementation lead



- Currently in program development phase

Rebates are not yet available.

Home Efficiency Rebates (HOMES)



Overview	<p>Rebates for whole-house energy saving upgrades; minimum requirement of 20% energy savings for modeled savings and 15% for measured savings</p> <p><i>Example: insulation, air sealing, HVAC, lighting and appliances</i></p>
Eligible Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All income levels• Existing single-family and multi-family buildings• Owners and renters, with owner permission
Rebate Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Based on modeled energy savings and income level• Up to \$8,000 per household



Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)

Overview	<p>Rebate for specific electric appliance and ancillary upgrades</p> <p><i>Examples: heat pump water heater, electric stove, insulation and air sealing, heat pump for space heating and cooling, heat pump clothes dryer, electric wiring, amongst others</i></p>
Eligible Households	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low- or moderate-income households*• Single-family and multi-family buildings• Owners and renters, with owner permission
Rebate Levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prescriptive, based on technology.• \$14,000 max combined rebates per household

*Low income: below 80% Area Moderate Income (AMI)

Moderate income: between 80% and 150% AMI

Anticipated Benefits



Lower energy bills



Enhanced comfort



Opportunities for contractors, suppliers and manufacturers









Increased grid resiliency through enhanced efficiency and reduced demand



PLANNING PROCESS

Timeline and Key Milestones

- ✓  **January 2025** | State application submitted to DOE
- ✓  **March 2026** | APTIM hired as program implementor
-  **May-Aug. 2026** | Community engagement and program plan development activities
-  **September 2026** | Implementation Blueprint submittal to DOE, anticipated
-  **TBD** | Program launch, subject to DOE approval
-  **September 2031** | Or when all funds are expended by the state – end of program

Program Activities

Planning Period

Spring 2026 through Fall 2026

- Public input activities
- Public input integrated into program design
- Program design finalized
- Main submittals to DOE

Implementation Period

Program launch through
~ 2031, or until funds expended

- Rebates available for Texans to make upgrades in their home
- Contractor education and training



Program Design Strategy

- **Stakeholder engagement:** Engage public for input on program design
- **Strategic program design:** Research existing programs, best practices, gaps, and opportunities for synergies
- **Implementation Blueprints:** Submit operational blueprints to DOE for review and approval



Program Design Considerations












- What upgrades qualify?
- What rebate amounts are available?
- Who is eligible and how do they participate?
- What customer education, outreach and messaging is needed?
- What contractors are qualified to complete services?
- What other resources and funds can be used by customers?
- How do we ensure consumer protections and verify upgrades meet requirements?

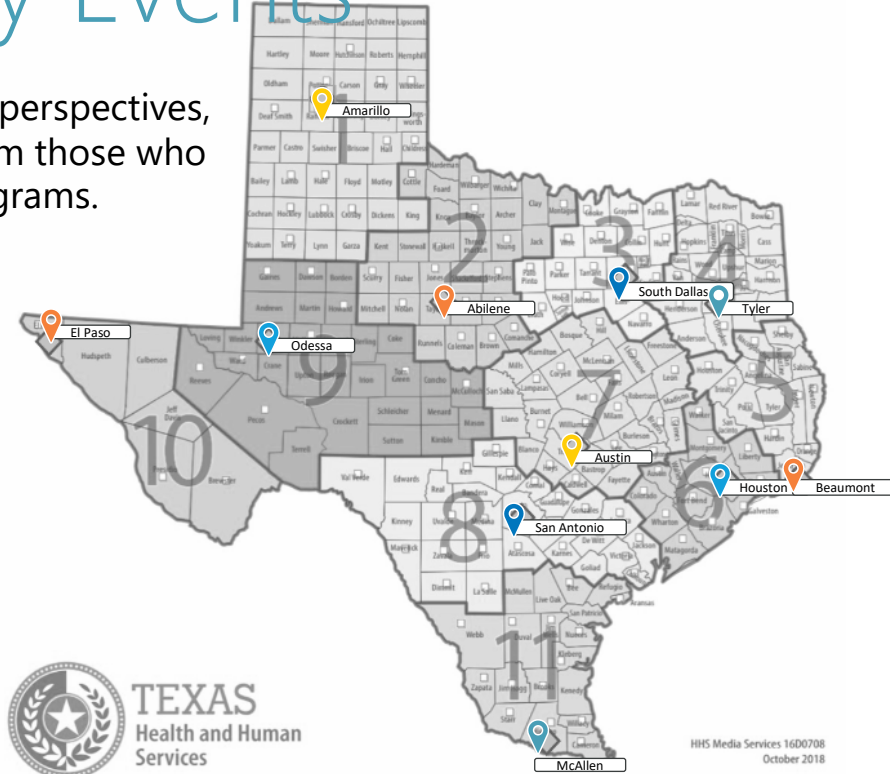
Community Events

Purpose:

Gather local and regional perspectives, insights, and priorities from those who will benefit from the programs.

Evening Sessions:

-  June 29 - Austin
-  June 30 - San Antonio
-  July 1 - McAllen
-  July 6 - El Paso
-  July 7 - Odessa
-  July 8 - Abilene
-  July 9 - Amarillo
-  July 13 - Houston
-  July 14 - Beaumont
-  July 15 - Tyler
-  July 16 - Dallas



SCAN FOR GROUP
AND EVENT INFO



Online Comment Form

Purpose:

Collect comments and questions for program design consideration

- Comments will be actively reviewed and considered
- Frequently asked questions may be added to the FAQ on the website
- Individual responses will not be provided

Timeline:

June-August 2026

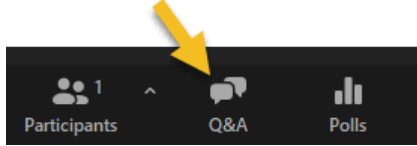


Scan QR Code To:
Access the Comment Form

Questions?



- Post in Teams chat box



- Questions should be related to HOMES and HEEHR programs
- If we are unable to answer your question, please check the FAQ on the website. Frequently asked questions and answers will be posted



Submit your questions to
the online Comment Form

Thank you!



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Q&A Session



Questions & Discussion

Please use the “raise hand” feature or post your question in the chat.





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Upcoming Events





Upcoming Events

Introduction to CELC Membership Webinar

Dates: June 18, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Zoom

[Registration Link](#)



Upcoming Events

Regional Integration of Sustainability Efforts (RISE) Coalition

Next meeting: Wednesday, July 29, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Location: Microsoft Teams

[RSVP for Meeting](#)

Visit the [committee page](#) to stay updated on meetings.

Learn more about the RISE Coalition on their [program page](#).



Stay Informed on Upcoming Events



UPCOMING NCTCOG EVENTS

Environment and Development: <https://nctcog.org/envir/events>

DFW Clean Cities: www.dfwcleancities.org/events

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Environment & Development General: <https://www.nctcog.org/envir/mail>

Energy Mailing List: <https://nctcog.activehosted.com/f/11>

Transportation: <https://publicinput.com/hub/Subscriptions/2768>



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Resources





NCTCOG Resources

Conserve North Texas - www.conservenorthtexas.org

Highlighted Resources:

- Department of Energy [Zero Energy Ready Home Program](#)
- ENERGY STAR [Home Energy Yardstick](#)

Go Solar Texas - www.gosolartexas.org

Highlighted Resource:

- [Steps for Going Solar](#)

Regional Energy Management Program - www.nctcog.org/envir/natural-resources/energy-efficiency

Air Quality Funding and Resources -

<https://www.nctcog.org/trans/quality/air/funding-and-resources>

SECO Programs & Resources

No-cost resources offered by SECO to aid entities in achieving their energy management or efficiency goals



WattWatchers of Texas

- Behavioral program for schools and families
- TEKS aligned STEM material



Local Government Energy Reporting

- Technical assistance for State-mandated energy efficiency and reporting

SECO Programs & Resources

Preliminary Energy Assessments (PEAs)

- Provided at no cost to qualifying entities and facilities.
- Detail recommendations for cost-effective resource efficiency measures that entities can implement to decrease utility consumption or costs.

Preliminary Energy Assessment Service Request Form
Form # 50-852

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State Energy Conservation Office

Public Entity Name _____ Telephone _____
Contact Person _____ Title _____
Email Address _____ County _____
Invoiced Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____
Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Preliminary Energy Assessment Service Eligibility
The State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) provides free preliminary energy assessments (PEAs) for existing public facilities and infrastructure. Eligible entities include municipal and county governments, public school districts, county hospitals, port authorities, major airports, public water authorities and municipally owned utilities. Leased or rented facilities and infrastructure are not eligible for this service.

Principles of Agreement
By submitting this request form, the entity listed above must agree to:

- select a contact person to work with SECO and its designated contractor to establish an energy policy and set realistic energy efficiency goals;
- allow SECO's designated contractor to provide walk-through assessments of selected facilities;
- schedule a time for SECO's designated contractor to make a presentation on the assessment findings to key decision-makers;
- consider implementing the PEA's energy savings recommendations; and
- allow SECO to post portions of this report on its website

Additional Questions

Has this organization used SECO's technical assistance or PEA services in the past? Yes No
Is the primary contact for this PEA familiar with SECO's LoanSTAR revolving loan program? Yes No
Has this organization used SECO's LoanSTAR revolving loan program in the past? Yes No

Signature
This agreement must be signed by your organization's chief executive officer or other signing authority.

Signature _____ Date _____
Print Name _____ Title _____

Submit completed forms to SECO at Margaret.Garcia@cpa.texas.gov
or by mail to: State Energy Conservation Office
Attn: Margaret Garcia
111 E. 17th Street
Austin, TX 78711-1440

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SECO Programs & Resources

Technical Assistance for Local Governments

- Provides customized, on-site, energy-related services ranging from basic consultation to feasibility studies.
- Eligible entities may request assistance with either energy or water-related technical matters.
- Full eligibility and program details on SECO's website.

Technical Assistance Service Request Form
Form# 50-855

SECO
State Energy Conservation Office

Public Entity Name _____ Telephone _____

Contact Person _____ Title _____

Email Address _____ County _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP Code _____

Description of Technical Assistance Needs

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SECO Programs & Resources

Texas LoanSTAR Revolving Fund Program

- Finances Projects that Reduce Energy/Water/Utility Costs
- Simple Payback Period of 15 Years or Less
- 2.5% Loan Interest Rate; 1.5% if you choose ARRA Funds with more reporting requirements
- Full project eligibility and program details on website.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4IFuj_5ZeGI

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Webinar Feedback

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