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We appreciate the opportunity to share information on offers available through Energy Trust of Oregon that may support fire recovery, including services and cash incentives for new residential and commercial construction, and manufactured home replacement. It is our intention to be a resource for impacted communities and also their individual residents and businesses, providing information that may help propel energy-smart, resilient, and healthy buildings and communities.

Energy Trust is an independent nonprofit organization dedicated to helping utility customers benefit from saving energy and generating renewable power. In Southern Oregon we serve customers of Pacific Power and Avista. We work with government agencies and departments to provide services and support that achieve local goals, such as energy savings and clean energy generation goals.

The three programs likely most relevant for community rebuilding are our residential new construction program, our commercial new buildings program and a pilot program supporting the replacement of older manufactured homes. And, given the unprecedented wildfire destruction, Energy Trust will be considering what additional resources we may be able to provide, including support for upfront planning. We welcome any suggestions you may have.

Below is a brief overview of each program. As we continue our discussions, we can talk about how these programs can fit the specific needs of your communities.

Manufactured Home Replacement

The [manufactured home replacement pilot](#) is currently offered on a limited scale. Energy Trust will make this program available to manufactured homeowners impacted by the fires, however the total funding available for this specific offer is not yet confirmed at this time. The program provides cash incentives for the replacement of homes constructed prior to 1995, with higher incentives for homes built before 1976. Incentives for replacing homes with electric space heat range from \$7,500 to \$15,000 depending on the size (double wide vs single wide) or vintage of the home. Incentives for homes with gas space heat range from \$3,000 to \$7,500. In addition to Energy Trust incentives, project participants may qualify for up to \$20,000 in funding from low income weatherization programs managed in Jackson County by ACCESS. A third funding resource will be offered by Oregon Housing and Community Services. OHCS will be introducing a new program to support home replacements which may be combined with Energy Trust and ACCESS' programs. The OHCS program is principally oriented to homes located in manufactured home parks that have a regulatory agreement preserving the community as a source of affordable housing, including any fire damaged communities that may be acquired utilizing the state's manufactured home preservation fund in the weeks to come.

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New Commercial Construction

The [New Buildings program](#) offers incentives and services for commercial, or business and public sector, customers planning new construction projects as well as renovations, additions, and tenant

improvement projects. The program offers design support via early design assistance, energy studies, and commissioning. The sooner energy efficiency is factored into an owner's building plans, the greater the benefits. Hosting an energy charrette is the perfect place to start, and it qualifies a project for cash incentives early in the design phase. For projects that involve a whole-building energy model, Energy Trust incentives can cover a portion of the approved energy analysis costs. Additional financial support is also available for energy studies that go beyond traditional energy modeling and help inform efficient building design.

The New Buildings program has multiple pathways for receiving incentives for the installation of efficient gas and electric equipment. From individual equipment to whole building energy efficiency to solar installation, Energy Trust can work with your business and public sectors.

New Home Construction

The [Residential single-family construction](#) program provides incentives ranging from \$1,200 to \$6,000 to builders and owner-builders for constructing homes that are built more efficient than the residential energy code. The program prides itself on flexibility and allows for any efficiency improvements in the home to count towards a performance-based incentive, meaning the more efficient the home the higher the [incentive](#). Additionally, homeowners benefit from the [EPS sheet](#) that is issued on every home, providing the homeowners with insights on the homes monthly and annual estimated utility bills, energy use and generation, plus environmental impact of carbon. Residential new construction program offers:

- Performance based cash incentives based on energy efficiency above code construction, including enhanced incentives for early design assistance
- Additional cash incentives for the installation of solar electric systems
- Optional - Marketing/branding support throughout the development cycle
- No-cost training, engineering review and field support for advanced building practices and technologies
- Site verification, quality assurance and documentation of compliance for 3rd party certification

Let me know what questions you have and if you would like to set a time to talk. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and working with you in the future.

Thank you,

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