

# Heat Pump Pilot Program



Chugach is pleased to offer the Heat Pump Pilot Program incentive to support the adoption of electric heat pumps by residential and small commercial members. This program is being offered as a rebate to members who install an approved heat pump system to provide heating and cooling for their home or business. The program may be most beneficial to members who do not have access to natural gas service or are interested in reducing their carbon emissions.

Incentive funds are limited, and members are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Members are encouraged to contact Chugach prior to applying to verify that funds are still available.

## Residential Member Incentive

Chugach residential members may receive a maximum incentive of 15%, up to **\$900**, toward the total cost of an approved heat pump system. The incentive will be provided as a cash rebate to the member upon verification that the system is installed, operational, and meets the installation and performance criteria outlined below.

## Commercial Member Incentive

Chugach commercial members (Small General Service or Large General Service) may receive a maximum incentive of 15%, up to **\$1,500**, toward the total cost of an approved heat pump system. The incentive will be provided as a cash rebate to the member upon verification that the system is installed, operational, and meets the installation and performance criteria outlined below.

## How do I apply?

Chugach encourages working with your preferred HVAC installer to ensure they can provide a heat pump system that meet the performance criteria described above. These criteria are subject to revision, so please ensure that the heat pump system you are purchasing is eligible for any tax credit or rebate program you are intending to use.

## Application Process:

- 1) Install an eligible heat pump system.
- 2) Complete the online [Heat Pump Pilot Program Application](#) and upload the following:
  - a. 12 months of heating fuel use prior to installation
  - b. Invoice for equipment and installation (PDF or photos of receipts)
  - c. List of additional expenses
  - d. Photo(s) of completed installation
  - e. Completed W-9 form if anticipating an incentive of more than \$600
- 3) If approved, Chugach will issue a rebate check to the applicant.

## Documentation and Required Information

a) Provide historical fuel usage describing the quantity, type, and monthly consumption (e.g., natural gas utility bill, fuel oil delivery invoices) at the home or business for a minimum of 12 months prior to the heat pump installation. Chugach will evaluate eligibility on a case-by-case basis if historical energy usage data is not available. Historical data on home energy usage is required as part of the program to help inform subsequent phases of the Heat Pump Pilot Program.

b) Provide a copy of the invoice for the installation and commissioning of the heat pump system.

c) Provide a description of any additional expenses directly related to the installation of the heat pump system, including services provided by an electrician to perform supporting upgrades or modifications to the electrical system. Retain copies of receipts or other proof of the expenses, which may be requested.

d) Provide a photo of the heat pump system installed and operating.

e) Provide a completed W-9 form if anticipating a rebate of more than \$600. Chugach will provide a 1099-MISC form consistent with IRS requirements for income reporting.

### Eligible Heat Pump Systems and Performance Criteria

Performance criteria for eligible equipment are intended to align with the criteria defined by federal energy efficiency programs to encourage the installation of a high-performance heat pump system rated for cold climates. If you are not sure of the rated performance of your exact heat pump system, please email Chugach for more information. Eligible heat pump systems must be installed by a manufacturer-approved HVAC installer.

**Ducted Heat Pump Systems:** CEE Tier 1. Air-source heat pump systems with an Energy Star cold climate certified, and have an EER2 rating of  $\geq 10$ , including hybrid systems that include an air-source heat pump and natural gas furnace with automatic controls between the two systems. \*

**Non-ducted Heat Pump Systems:** CEE Tier 2. Mini-split systems with SEER2 rating of  $\geq 16$ , EER2  $\geq 9$ , and HSPF2  $\geq 9.5$ , and COP of  $\geq 1.75$  at 5°F. \*

Other heat pump systems, including ground-source heat pumps and commercial-scale hybrid heat pump systems may be eligible for the Chugach Heat Pump Pilot Program and will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Please email Chugach for more information.

### Federal Incentive Amounts

Federal rebate or tax credit incentives may be available to support the cost of a heat pump system and related energy efficiency improvements. Please refer to the state or federal agency facilitating these incentives and consult with a tax professional to ensure eligibility. The below information is a general reference and is not a definitive list of all incentives.

25C Energy Efficiency Home Improvement tax credit: 30% of total cost up to \$2,000 for heat pump system, no income limits

High-Efficiency Electric Home Rebate Program (HEEHRP): Up to \$8,000 for qualified heat pump system and supporting electrical and insulation upgrades with a maximum of \$14,000 per household. Income limited with full rebate available to households below 80% of median income, and 50% rebate available to households below 150% of median income.

The following resources provide more information on heat pumps and home energy rebate incentives:

[Department of Energy Home Energy Rebate Programs](#)

[Energy Star Air Source Heat Pumps Tax Credit](#)

[Alaska Heat Smart FAQ](#)

\* For performance criteria definitions please visit the [Energy Star Tax Credit Definitions](#) website

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