

## What is energy efficiency?

Energy efficiency is the application of technology and behavioral change to achieve the same level of service with fewer resources. For example, a home may have insulation added to improve the heating efficiency in the winter. Installing energy efficiency upgrades in your home will lead to less household energy consumption, lower energy bills, and a more comfortable home environment.

## What are the benefits of energy efficiency in my home?

There are many reasons to improve your home's energy efficiency:

- Save money
- Use less energy
- Keep your home warm in the winter
- Keep your home cool in the summer
- Conserve our natural resources
- Reduce your environmental impact



The Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority's MISSION is to advocate, promote, plan and provide the long-term supply of desirable and affordable housing in Gunnison County in order to maintain a well-rounded community.

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# Home Energy Efficiency Made Simple

## GV-HEAT

Making energy efficiency and  
home repairs accessible for  
every household in Gunnison  
County



A program of the Gunnison Valley Regional Housing Authority

## Energy Efficiency Made Accessible

While home repairs that improve energy efficiency can help reduce winter heating bill costs, these repairs can be difficult to identify and implement. The Gunnison Valley Home Energy Advancement Team (GV-HEAT) was established in 2017 to help Gunnison Valley homeowners and renters learn about and implement cost-saving energy efficiency measures.

## Customized Solutions for your Household

GV-HEAT will help you find home energy efficiency solutions that reduce your utility bills and increase your home's safety and comfort. By utilizing utility rebates and various program funding, GV-HEAT will help you find the energy efficiency solutions that work for your home and family.

## Eligible Home Improvements

While your personalized home assessment will identify the most applicable energy efficiency upgrades for your home, an example of eligible improvements may include:

- » Appliance upgrades
- » Air Sealing
- » Insulation Install
- » Furnace Upgrades
- » LED Lighting
- » Programmable Thermostats
- » Other improvements identified in assessment



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## How GV-HEAT Can Help

GV-HEAT administers four high-quality home energy efficiency and weatherization solutions for homes and incomes of any size.

### Income-Qualified Programs:

- Colorado Affordable Residential Energy (CARE) program: Offers free energy assessments and home repairs for income-qualified households.
- Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP): Offers free weatherization services for income-qualified households.
- USDA Rural Housing Service Programs: Offers free weatherization and home improvement services to available income-qualified owner-occupied households where one household member is 62 or older

### Non-Income Qualified Program:

- Energy Smart Colorado (ESC) Program: Offers discounted home energy assessments

## How to apply

Visit the program website to register. A member of GV-HEAT will contact you to schedule your home's assessment and improvements. We will work with you throughout the process to ensure that your home receives the attention and care it deserves.

Fifty percent of Gunnison County households spend between six and ten percent of their income on winter electricity bills.

## GV-HEAT Program Partners

- Gunnison County
- City of Gunnison
- Town of Crested Butte
- Town of Mt. Crested Butte
- Gunnison Congregational Church
- Coldharbour Institute
- Energy Smart Colorado
- Energy Outreach Colorado/CARE
- Gunnison Valley Housing Foundation
- Delta County Health Department
- Regional Housing Rehabilitation Program
- Housing Resources of Western Colorado
- USDA
- Atmos Energy
- Crested Butte Fire Protection District
- Gunnison County Electric Association