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### **What is the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program?**

The program is offered by the Department of Social Development (SD) in partnership with Efficiency New Brunswick. It provides financial assistance to improve the energy efficiency of housing occupied by low income households.

### **Who qualifies?**

Eligible clients:

- Homeowners with total household income at or below the applicable income limit established for the area
- Private non-profit corporations and co-operatives where self-contained units or bed units are occupied by tenants with low and moderate incomes

Eligible properties:

- Any residential property considered the principal residence of the occupant(s).
- Properties must meet minimum standards of health and safety as determined by SD.

Ineligible properties include:

- Residential care facilities
- Student housing
- Hotels, motels, bed and breakfasts
- Nursing Homes

### **Eligible Work**

Eligible work will include the energy efficiency measures which will generate the highest potential energy cost savings for the occupants as identified by energy advisors. Eligible items include but are not limited to such things as:

- Heating systems
- Air Sealing
- Ventilation systems
- Insulation
- Windows/doors

### **Assistance**

Assistance for homeowners is in the form of a non-repayable grant contribution and a repayable loan. The maximum grant contribution for homeowners is \$4,500. Additional assistance for homeowners

may be available where the property does not meet minimum standards of health and safety.  
(Federal/Provincial Repair Program)

Private non-profit groups and housing co-operatives are eligible for the non-repayable grant contribution only. Eligible groups may receive funding up to a maximum of \$5,000 per self-contained unit and \$3,000 per bed unit.

**How does it work?**

SD conducts an initial inspection of property and provides a listing of energy efficiency improvements in priority order that could be completed within maximum assistance level starting with the improvements that will yield the most energy cost savings for the occupants.

Owners of residential rental properties must sign an approval letter stating that the rents will not be increased as a result of the energy retrofits. In situations where energy costs are included in the rent, energy cost savings will be passed through to the tenants.

**Do you have any questions?**

If you have any questions about the Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program, contact your regional office of the Department of Social Development:

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