

HEALTHY HOMES Program



Your application towards making your home
energy-efficient and sustainable.

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Welcome!

The Town of North Beach became a Sustainable Community in 2012 through the State of Maryland by achieving many milestones in sustainability and creating a plan to promote sustainable practices throughout the town. We would like to invite the residents of Calvert County to participate in helping to reduce the carbon footprint in our area. Our Healthy Homes Grant Program can help to make your home energy-efficient.

Part of the process of the Healthy Homes Program includes an Energy Audit for your home. Energy Audits provide a "blueprint" of home improvements that are necessary to lower your utility bills. By making improvements to your home in a sustainable and energy-efficient way, we can all look forward to Calvert County reducing the carbon footprint one home at a time.

We look forward to you joining in conservation of the ecology of Calvert County and the Town of North Beach. Together, we can lead in energy savings with this initiative throughout the State of Maryland. We look forward to receiving your completed application.

Sincerely,

Mayor Mike Benton
Town of North Beach



WHAT IS THE HEALTHY HOMES PROGRAM?

The Town of North Beach became a Sustainable Community in 2012 with the State of Maryland and Sustainable Maryland certified with the State of Maryland. Both of these programs foster the abilities of towns towards establishing green practices, saving money and taking positive steps in sustaining the quality of life for residents over the long term.

We wanted to further these goals with a work plan with the support of our Environmental Committee and Town Council to launch a Healthy Homes Program. This program, made possible through funding from the Maryland Energy Administration, has been created to assist those most vulnerable, seniors and low-to-moderate income residents, to take part in reducing their carbon footprint. Utility bills are rising and this is a program that will lower your utility bills and allow for more money in your pocket and less money towards paying your utility bills. Our program reaches beyond our boundaries so that residents of Calvert County may apply to make their homes more energy efficient.

This funding is limited and if you need any information, we will be glad to assist you in filling out your application. Feel free to reach out to us if you need additional information. We can be reached at 301-855-6681 or send an email to: info@northbeachmd.org .



WHAT ARE THE STEPS IN THE PROGRAM?

- Step One: Submit the Application.
- Step Two: Receive a call regarding eligibility.
- Step Three: If eligible and qualified, then Energy Audit is scheduled.
- Step Four: Your Energy Audit is completed.
- Step Five: Energy Audit Report is completed as is your guide towards energy savings in your home. This is where we will use the recommendations towards your eligible grant activities towards your award.
- Step Six: Completion of weatherization upgrades and completion survey.



APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. The owner/applicant must be a Calvert County resident.
- 2. Complete the Application Form.
- 3. Income Eligibility (bring copy of the 2020 Federal Income Tax return or SSI information). (Owner income is the only income used.)
 - Attach – Copy of Page 1 and Page 2 only of your tax return.
 - Attach – Copy of Social Security letter (Senior Priority)
 - Attach – Veteran Information (Veteran Priority)
- 4. Number of persons residing in the household.
- 5. Utility Bill (Attach copy of two months of electric bill in 2020).
- 6. Sign the Hold Harmless form.
- 7. Ensure contact information is legible.



INCOME QUALIFICATIONS

The property must be owner occupied, in Calvert County and priority will be given to: **Residents of North Beach.**

To calculate your income and qualifications:

1. The total annual income of the owners. (If there are 2 owners both incomes are needed for the calculation.) (**Only Owners Income**)
2. The number of people living in the residence.

Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than	Number of People Living in House	Owner(s) Only Annual Income Must Be Less than
1 ➡	\$57,750.00	2 ➡	\$66,000.00
3 ➡	\$74,200.00	4 ➡	\$82,500.00
5 ➡	\$89,100.00	6 ➡	\$95,700.00
7 ➡	\$102,300.00	8 ➡	\$108,900.00

The following make the home ineligible for this opportunity: False Income Statements or; Aggressive dogs not being safely handled; Drug use on premises; Threats to auditor; Home found structurally inadequate; Rental property; and/or any safety or other issues prohibited by grant special conditions.

In addition to the above, the following could (after inspection) also make the home ineligible: Nub and Tub wiring (means you can't install attic insulation); Mold problem; water problem such as a hole in the roof or standing water in the basement; home sealed too tight resulting in the inability of fumes to escape through natural ventilation; major roof issues; major plumbing issues; or a Gas leak.



APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: MD Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Work: _____ Email Address: _____

How many people live in the home? ____ Annual Income: \$_____

In case we can't reach you:

Family Member's Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone Number: Home _____ Cell _____

Email Address: _____

Utility and Energy Supplier Information

Electric Utility: _____ Acct#: _____

Gas Utility: _____ Acct#: _____

Other Fuel Supplier: _____ Acct#: _____



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

- Weatherization (house sealing and insulation)
- Refrigerator
- Dishwasher
- Water Heater
- Electric Stove
- HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning)
- Washer
- Dryer

The above activities are determined by your home Energy Audit and are not promised in whole or part until they are recommended by the BPI expert assessment and approval by the utility and meeting ENERGY STAR grant requirements.



HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT / RIGHT OF ENTRY/ COVID19

Affected Organizations and Individuals:

- SMECO and its employees and subsidiaries;
- Baltimore Gas and Electric and its employees and subsidiaries;
- Washington Gas and its employees and subsidiaries;
- PEPCO and its employees and subsidiaries;
- Blockchain Frontiers Foundation and its employees and subsidiaries;
- Edge Energy and its employees and subsidiaries, and sub-contractors;
- Maryland Energy Administration and its employees;
- Department of Housing and Community Development and its employees and subsidiaries;
- The Town of North Beach; and,
- State of Maryland, Municipal Governments and their officers, staff and employees.

I/We _____, hereby hold the above-named Government Organizations, Private Utilities, Non-Profit and for Profit Organizations, Contractors, Sub-contractors, Employees and Contract Employees and their Agents, Consultants and Staff, harmless from any liability, and against any loss, liability, claim, or damage that may arise as a result of personal contact and/or participation in the MEA LMI and/or DHCD-Community Legacy Healthy Homes, Low to Moderate Income weatherization program, performed at my residence or property .

I/We shall at my/our own cost, expense and risk defend any legal proceedings that may be brought against any of the above entities in whole or part, their officers, consultants, staff or family for any liability claims or demand and or satisfy any judgement that be rendered against any of them and arising or resulting from participation in this weatherization program

Homeowner's Signature

Date

Homeowner's Signature

Date

Street Address

City, State Zip

BFF Agent for Grant (Witness)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Why is it necessary to have an energy audit for my home?

An energy audit is the blueprint for your home for energy efficiency. It evaluates your entire home and the steps necessary to make it more energy efficient. This will assess the energy consumption for your home. We feel it is important to see the improvements after your energy improvements are made to your home.

Why is it necessary to view a recent utility bill?

With a copy of your utility bill, we are able to measure your usage before and after all of the energy measures are applied and any new appliances are installed. This is good also for you to see the savings after these performance measures are applied.

What happens when the funding is depleted?

We will continue to take the applications and ensure you qualify for the program. If you meet all of the qualifications, you will be placed on the waiting list awaiting the next round of grant funding.

Will it cost me any out-of-pocket expense? (Weatherization cost upgrades explained)

The grant allows for certain maximum amounts to be applied per residence. In most cases, the recommended enhancements and upgrades fall within those cost ceilings. There are very minimal instances when customers are asked to contribute to upgrade the home. It is not mandatory to participate in the program if personal funds are needed. In those cases, the cost to the customer is minimal and far less than if the customer had contracted repairs by themselves.