

Multifamily Buildings

National Grid's Low Income Gas Efficiency Program (LIGEP) was created to help National Grid gas heating customers save money and energy, improving comfort for building residents, and contributing to a cleaner environment for everyone.

Types of Energy Efficiency Improvements

Funding is available to upgrade or replace heating and domestic hot water systems, perform air sealing, and install heating controls, energy efficient replacement windows, and insulation.

The measures that can be installed in a building depend on the age, condition, and efficiency of building systems and the potential for natural gas savings.

Program Eligibility

Account Type. LIGEP is intended for buildings with **firm gas** National Grid accounts only. If a building has a dual fuel "temperature-controlled" or "interruptible" rate, then it is ineligible.

- In National Grid's New York City gas service territory (Brooklyn, Staten Island, and parts of Queens), the most common firm gas rates are 1B (which may also appear as 1BR, or T1BR), and 3 (also shown as T3).
- In National Grid's Long Island territory, which includes the Rockaways, there are several firm gas rates. Call (800) 929-2825 toll-free to confirm that a building has a "firm gas" account.

Resident Incomes. LIGEP targets buildings where low-income households live. Affordable housing and other publicly assisted multifamily buildings are usually eligible. 50% of households in the building must earn less than 60% of the State median income. If any household member receives SSI, Public Assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps or HEAP benefits, the household is automatically eligible.

Coordination with Energy Efficiency Programs

Many buildings eligible for LIGEP are also eligible for other programs such as the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). LIGEP will leverage these funds wherever possible to provide funding for additional energy efficiency work in your building, increasing savings and comfort for owners and tenants alike. (Buildings previously weatherized under WAP are not eligible for additional WAP funds.) For a list of AEA's Weatherization Program partners for LIGEP, go to www.aeanyc.org/NGrid.



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Owner Responsibilities

The building owner must do four things:

- Complete a brief application, including property gas and electric account numbers.
- Accompany LIGEP project staff on a building site visit to identify energy savings opportunities.
- Sign an owner's agreement for work to be performed (subject to analysis of impact and cost effectiveness of measures and approval of work scope by owner).
- Pay the required amounts due for energy analysis and for the agreed-upon owner's investment in the project (typically 25% or more of the total project cost, depending on the work scope).

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **How much funding will National Grid contribute for energy efficiency improvements in my building?** In a typical multifamily building, National Grid may contribute \$1,400 to \$1,800 per unit. The actual amount depends on the current energy usage, building conditions and opportunities for savings, and other resources available for the project.
2. **Do I have to get all the income eligibility information from my tenants myself?** For affordable housing properties where income documentation is on file for building residents, your cooperation in providing income eligibility information speeds the determination of building eligibility, allowing work to begin quickly. For other types of housing, building management must notify tenants and provide access to the building, and the program staff will visit tenants to confirm resident and total building eligibility.
3. **When will you begin working on my building?** Once building eligibility is determined, energy engineers will visit the building to conduct an assessment. Priority may be given to buildings that offer the greatest potential to save energy.
4. **How do I get started?** Call our toll free number (800) 929-2825 to speak to a representative today. Or visit the LIGEP webpage at www.aeanyc.org/NGrid to download the application and view income eligibility details. Please enter your contact information so our representative can speak with you.

How does the program operate? The Association for Energy Affordability, Inc. (AEA) administers the National Grid LIGEP program in downstate New York, coordinating with local Weatherization agencies in National Grid's gas service territory. A building may start with either AEA's National Grid team or the local Weatherization agency. Early in the process, we identify additional resources that can deliver a comprehensive work scope to help to maximize energy savings in the building. The AEA Team and the local WAP agency guide the building owner through the entire LIGEP process, from energy audit through completion of work.