

**FAYETTE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
 BETTER BUILDINGS INITIATIVE
 HOMEOWNER RESIDENTIAL ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS
 REBATE PRE-QUALIFICATION APPLICATION**

Applicant Information:

Applicant Name: _____

Property Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Does the Applicant Own the Property? Yes No

If "No", Explain: _____

Household Information:

Gross Household Income*: _____ Number of Persons in Household: _____

Number of Persons with a Disability in Household: _____

Number of Persons Over the Age of 60 in Household: _____

Number of Children Under the Age of 18 in Household: _____

Home Energy Supplier Information:

Method Used to Heat Your Home:

_____ Oil Supplier: _____ Account Number: _____

_____ Kerosene Supplier: _____ Account Number: _____

_____ Natural Gas: Supplier: _____ Account Number: _____

_____ Electric: Supplier: _____ Account Number: _____

_____ Coal: Supplier: _____ Account Number: _____

_____ Propane: Supplier _____ Account Number: _____

_____ Other (please specify): _____

RACF-Use Only	Date of Receipt:	
	Staff Person:	
	Comments:	

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Initial Application Enrollment Period: **February 25, 2011 - April 29, 2011**

Contact Information: Fayette County Redevelopment Authority - www.racfpa.org - 724-437-1547 ext. 206.

Initiative Background: In 2010, Fayette County, Pennsylvania received a commitment of funding through the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program. Known locally as the Fayette County Better Buildings Initiative, the program represents a comprehensive and collaborative approach to promoting and implementing energy efficiency improvements. The initiative has been designed to focus on implementing energy efficiency improvements in residential units, while simultaneously supporting general marketing of the benefits of implementing energy efficiency measures. The ultimate goal of Fayette County's Better Buildings Initiative is to implement a total of 1,067 residential energy efficiency retrofits with a minimum 15% estimated energy efficiency savings per unit.

How to Qualify for Assistance: Any resident who owns their home may submit an application to see if they pre-qualify for assistance under Fayette County's Better Buildings Initiative. The level of assistance offered will depend upon your household income and your commitment to undergo a BPI-Certified Audit and implement energy efficiency measures which will result in at least a 15% reduction in energy usage. Following submission of an application during the open-enrollment period, homeowners will be notified if they pre-qualify for assistance under the program.

Type of Assistance Provided: The level of assistance provided under the Better Building's Initiative depends upon the total household income of the applicant. For very low-income residents, assistance may be provided through the Redevelopment Authority's existing Weatherization Program. Other low-income residents may receive combined assistance through Fayette County's initiative and other programs offered by local utility companies. In some cases this may result in qualification of up to \$2,700 in rebates. Non-low-income residents may qualify for \$1,500 in rebates, which would cover the cost of an audit plus the implementation of energy efficiency measures.

Certified BPI-Audit Requirement: All units assisted through the program will be required to obtain an Audit from a firm that has been certified through the Building Performance Institute (BPI). The Redevelopment Authority will provide a listing of BPI-certified firms upon request. Firms may obtain BPI training and certification by contacting the Private Industry Council (PIC) - (www.privateindustrycouncil.com).

Rebate Process: The first step for every homeowner in Fayette County is to complete the Rebate Pre-Qualification Application. Once completed, and following the initial enrollment period, representatives from the Redevelopment Authority will be in contact with applicants to discuss the level of assistance which will be provided, as well as additional requirements which may be necessary to participate in our local program. While financial assistance may be provided for low-income homeowners, in all cases, applicants will be required to commit to implementing energy efficiency improvements prior to pre-qualifying for assistance through the program.

Utility Partnerships: Fayette County's Better Buildings Initiative has been designed in consultation with our partners from various utility companies. Those partners include Columbia Gas, through IQEEP and LIURP, (additional information provided at www.columbiagaspa.com, or by calling 1-866-956-0308). Additional partners include Conservation Consultants, Inc. (www.ccicenter.org), Allegheny Power (www.alleghenypower.com), Dollar Energy (www.dollarenergy.org), and Peoples Gas (www.peoplesgasdelivery.com).