

AVISTA CORPORATION
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SCHEDULE 485
AVISTA OREGON LOW INCOME ENERGY EFFICIENCY (AOLIEE) PROGRAM

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this schedule is to define the terms and conditions under which the portion of funds designated for the AOLIEE Program (hereafter, "Program") under Schedule 469, Public Purpose Funding Surcharge – Oregon, will be administered and delivered to eligible customers.

The Program is intended to increase energy efficiency in low-income dwellings by providing a dedicated funding source through which Avista or its contracted Implementing Organizations can provide energy efficiency or conservation measures to eligible customers. "Implementing Organizations" is defined collectively as the Community Action Partnership Agencies (Agency or Agencies), Federally Recognized Tribes, 501(c)3 non-profit agencies, or other entities contracted through the Company to provide Program funded services to qualifying customers. Program funds can be leveraged by utilizing existing infrastructure currently in place as a result of delivering the federal Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other programs.

AVAILABLE:

The Program is available to income-qualified residential customers of Avista who reside in a residential dwelling served by natural gas, including multi-unit dwellings. Income-qualified is defined as customers at or below 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) or 60% Oregon State Median Income (SMI), whichever is greater, as established by the applicable Implementing Organization. Any residential dwelling that receives assistance for the installation of the same or similar measure under any other energy efficiency program may not be eligible for assistance under this program.

PROGRAM FUNDING:

Budget for the Program will be determined annually. Actual spending for the program year may be less than the budgeted amount. Funding for the Program will be collected through Tariff Schedule 469 – Public Purpose Funding Surcharge.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND DELIVERY COSTS:

Company administration costs shall not exceed 10% of the total Program budget. Administration costs will cover the cost of processing reimbursement requests, working with Implementing Organizations, attending applicable meetings, and other functions to support the Program. Implementing Organizations will be reimbursed for a portion of the administrative and delivery costs associated with their delivery of the Program. Such reimbursement will be provided in the amount of 30% of either the requested project reimbursement cost or the Implementing Organization's total budget spend.

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DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS:

Program funds will be first allocated to the Implementing Organizations that deliver WAP and then to other Implementing Organizations on a first-come, first-served basis. Funding distribution is predicated on a target number of dwellings to be served, the energy burden population, or the number of Avista meters within an identified area. Such allocation will be determined annually in collaboration with the Implementing Organizations.

At the Company's discretion, funding can be advanced to each Implementing Organization to assist the Implementing Organization in managing multiple funding sources.

Implementing Organizations must submit all information required by the Company to receive payment or advanced funding; required information will be outlined within the contract between the Company and the Implementing Organization.

APPROVED MEASURES TO BE FUNDED:

Avista will provide funding for up to 100% of the total cost of all installed measures if such measures: 1) are identified within the Priority List of the DOE, 2) the installed measures or group of bundled measures in the dwelling, as prescribed by the Energy Analyzer Software used by the Implementing Organization, meets or exceeds a Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or better, or 3) the measure(s) have been granted a cost-effectiveness exception by the Oregon Public Utility Commission (Commission). Measures identified within the DOE Priority List or with a Commission-granted exception are not subject to SIR or cost effectiveness requirements. If the dwelling has previously received partial energy efficiency measures under AOLIEE or another program, the measures provided through the Program may instead meet an SIR of 0.60 or better.

For measures with identifiable savings recognized within an established Deemed Measures List, yet not eligible for funding based on the above qualifications, the Program will provide funding for 100% of the total avoided cost of the measure(s); this term is subject to Company approval.

In each dwelling served by the Program, a measure can only be completed once during its measure life. When shell measures are installed, natural gas must be the primary heat source. Under no circumstances will project funding exceed the actual installed cost of the measure(s).

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HEALTH, SAFETY, AND REPAIR (HSR) MEASURE FUNDING:

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Implementing Organizations may use Program funding for the cost of HSR measures. HSR measures are those that adversely impact the safety and health of the occupants living in the dwelling or the effectiveness of the energy efficiency measures. Implementing Organizations may use their discretion on the amount spent on HSR measures in each home, not to exceed 20% of the Implementing Organization's overall annual budget. Implementing Organizations may choose not to spend any of their Program funds on HSR measures and instead use them to fund energy efficiency or conservation measures in additional dwellings.

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS:

1. AOLIEE program year will be the same as the calendar year.
2. Following the end of the program year, the Company will submit an annual report of the Program to the Commission on or before April 30th of the following year.
3. Each participating Implementing Organization must have an up to date, signed contract with the Company, which details the qualifications and responsibilities of all Implementing Organizations.
4. The Company may enter into additional contracts with Implementing Organizations to offer home energy assessments and to prioritize energy efficiency investments.
5. To maximize spending and better support prioritization of Program funding, the Company will adaptively manage the Program, regularly seeking input from its Equity Advisory Group (EAG).
6. The customer intake process for the Program may include potential consideration for other income-qualified programs that can serve as a referral for energy assistance services.

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