

# 2018 Sustainable Energy Program

RESIDENTIAL



Another way to save money and energy

## Why should you invest in energy efficiency?

The Sustainable Energy Program provides financial incentives to reward residential and business customers for energy efficiency improvements.

## How does the program work?

All projects require LES preauthorization.

1. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Jan. 1, 2018.
2. Visit [LES.com/SEP](http://LES.com/SEP) to see the balance and a list of the participating contractors.
3. Contact one or more of the SEP participating contractors for bids and available incentives.
4. Ask your accountant if the project qualifies for a federal tax credit.



## What projects are eligible for incentives?

### High-efficiency heat pumps and air conditioners

Residential customers are eligible for incentive payments when replacing existing cooling systems or installing them in newly built homes. Customers could receive up to \$1,500 per system based on the unit's energy efficiency rating.

### Whole-house sealing and insulation

Up to \$1,000. Existing homes with no wall or minimal attic insulation (R-19 or less) can qualify for incentives to upgrade insulation levels to current code standards:

\$0.80 per square foot wall insulation

\$0.50 per square foot attic insulation.

## Insulation provides more comfortable temperatures



This LES homeowner upgraded wall insulation from R-0 to R-15 and increased attic insulation from R-19 to R-49. He will enjoy more consistent temperatures between and across rooms for increased comfort.

- *Estimated annual customer savings: **\$294\****
- *Estimated annual reduction in heating and cooling bills: **38%\****

“My wife and I are in our 70s, and although we are not on a fixed income yet, we are preparing for it and saving where we can. We found utility bills were a great place to start, and insulation is one of the cheapest upgrades you can do. With the help from the Sustainable Energy Program, we will quickly get back the money we invested. I can’t say enough about the program.”

- Don Ritchey, Lincoln resident

*\*Savings will vary based on operating conditions and customer rate.*

## LES customers find comfort and savings with geothermal heat pump system

While planning an addition to their home, Karen Amen and Jim Goeke worked with their architect and contractor to increase its heating and cooling efficiency by replacing the air-to-air heat pump with a geothermal (ground source heat pump) system.

Even with the 900-square-foot addition, the annual heating and cooling bills have been reduced by \$200.

“There’s no large hulking equipment. It is a quiet system with gentle, but pervasive heating or cooling throughout the house. Our architect and contractor worked with LES and the process went smoothly. And, as anticipated, the annual savings have been impressive.”

- Jim Goeke, Lincoln resident



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