



## VPU Commercial Energy Rebate Program (CERP)

Please review the Commercial Energy Rebate Program (CERP) Terms and Conditions listed below.  
If there are any questions, please contact VPU at [CustomerPrograms@CityofVernon.org](mailto:CustomerPrograms@CityofVernon.org).

### CERP Terms and Conditions

- a. Only VPU commercial electric customers with an active Vernon Public Utilities (“VPU”) account in good credit standing are eligible for VPU Commercial Energy Rebate Program funds. The product(s) and measure(s) on the rebate application must be installed and functioning at the corresponding VPU service address listed on the application.
- b. The VPU Commercial Energy Rebate Program is funded by VPU’s Public Benefit Charge; funds are dispersed on a first come first served basis. Funding is limited and rebate amounts are subject to change at any time. The program may be modified or terminated at any time without prior notice. Please visit [CityofVernon.org/SaveEnergy](http://CityofVernon.org/SaveEnergy) for the latest updates.
- c. All customer energy efficiency projects submitted must comply with applicable state and local codes, building permits must be obtained and approved when required. If a tenant, customer is responsible for obtaining the property owner’s permission to install the measures listed in the rebate application.
- d. When requested, you must provide a copy of the project’s permit with your submission.
- e. Installed measures and products may be subject to VPU inspection, failure to complete the inspection will result in disqualification of the rebate. VPU may contact the vendor or installer to verify qualifying product(s) and/or measure(s) listed on the application. Applicant understands that VPU will not issue rebates for the same product from more than one VPU efficiency program, or if a product is removed from the property.
- f. All vendors must have a current state business license and applicable Contractor State Licensing Board (CSLB) licenses. The selection of qualifying product(s), selection of installer(s) and maintenance of the qualifying product(s) is the sole responsibility of the VPU customer. VPU has no liability whatsoever concerning (1) the quality, safety, installation and/or operation of the products or measures, (2) the estimated energy savings of the products or measures, (3) and the workmanship of any third parties.
- g. Rebates are valid on complete applications submitted within 180 days of purchase and installation.
- h. Not all models and products will qualify. Please refer to the Product Qualifications section below for individual product requirements and qualifications.
- i. The maximum rebate for the Commercial Energy Rebate Program will be \$25,000 per metered VPU commercial electric service account, per VPU fiscal year (July 1st through June 30th). Total rebate amount (including any applicable bonuses) shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost including parts and labor. If self-installed, the customer must submit their labor cost on their company letterhead.
- j. Incentives are made payable to the VPU commercial electric customer on record. Unless otherwise specified, all rebates will be sent to the mailing address associated with the VPU customer’s commercial electric account.
- k. Customer looking to install measures that are not offered through this program can submit a project through VPU’s [Custom Incentive Program](#).
- l. VPU may request information on existing (old) equipment that is being replaced for rebate qualification purposes. The information can be included on a separate scope of work OR an invoice/ memo on an official company letterhead from the installer; information must be supplied by the vendor and not the customer. Examples of the request may include but are not

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- limited to: (1) Make, Brand Name and Model Number, (2) Quantity removed and (3) Text description, including rated wattage for lamps and rated capacity for HVAC equipment.
- m. To qualify for the fuel substitution incentives, customers are required to provide additional supporting documentation for review by VPU staff.

(1) Vendor invoice that contains information on the existing (old) equipment(s) that is being replaced with all-electric equivalent(s) AND nameplate photos of the existing (old) equipment(s) that displays the make(s), brand name(s) and model number(s).

(2) If applicable or available, Customer will also provide any final VPU building permits that demonstrate the replacement of existing natural gas appliance(s) with all-electric equivalent(s).

(3) VPU also reserves the right to request supporting documentation from the customer or vendor that demonstrates the installed measure(s) passes the "Fuel Substitution Test" set forth by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Decision 19-08-009. The Fuel Substitution Test has two requirements:

- The measure shall not increase source energy; and
- The measure shall not harm the environment. (Environmental harm is measured by CO2 emissions. Therefore, fuel switching/substitution measures must not increase source energy or CO2 emissions compared to the baseline technology.)

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## Product Qualifications

### LED Lighting

The replacement of existing non-LED lighting fixtures and lamps with new LED lighting technology.

- LED fixtures and lamps must be certified by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Edison Testing Laboratories (ETL)
- LED lamps and fixtures must also meet at least one of the following requirements:
  - Listed on the Design Lights Consortium (DLC) catalog, ENERGY STAR certified product or equipped with a 3-year Warranty.
- LED fixtures must have integrated dimming capability to enable compliance with Title 24 standards when applicable.
- LED fixtures and lamps must replace one-for-one existing non-LED lighting.
- Input wattage of the proposed LED fixture cannot exceed the wattage of the existing fixture.

Measure Description	Deemed Incentive Amount (\$) Per unit
LED A-lamp, G-Lamp (Globe), LED BR, LED Down Lights, PAR20, PAR30, Par 38	\$3.00
MR16, Candelabra, Reach-in Display Case , LED Tubes	\$5.00
45 to 254 Watt Exterior LED Fixture with Motion Control and Photo SensorIII	\$50.00
255 to 643 Watt Exterior LED Fixture with Motion Control and Photo SensorIII	\$150.00
LED Exit Sign	\$20.00
LED High/Low Bay 40 to 160 WattsIII	\$30.00
LED High/Low Bay >160 to 320 WattsIII	\$50.00
LED High/Low Bay >320-500 WattsIII	\$70.00
LED Wall Pack 20 to 40 Watts	\$20.00
LED Wall Pack 41 to 80 Watts	\$40.00

### HVAC Packaged or Split System AC Unit

Installation of new high efficiency air conditioning (AC) units, including single unitary package units and split system units.

- Applicable to both retrofit and new construction projects.
- Replacement must be like for like units
- Newly installed HVAC Split System or Packaged Unit must have meet the following requirements:
  - Unit must have an Energy Efficiency Ratio (EER) of 12 and above
  - Unit must be less than 5 tons.

### Heat Pump Clothes Dryer

Installation of a new Heat Pump Clothes Dryer

- Heat Pump Clothes Dryer capacity must be 4 cu ft. or greater.
- Qualifying Heat Pump Clothes Dryer models must be from the ENERGY STAR product list.

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## Heat Pump Water Heater

Installation of a Heat Pump Water Heater

- Heat Pump Water Heater must have an EF of 2.0 or greater
- Heat Pump Water Heater storage capacity must be 40 gallons or greater.
- Qualifying models must be from the ENERGY STAR product list.
- Instantaneous and tankless water heaters do not qualify.

## Heat Pumps

Installation of new high efficiency heat pump (HP) units, including single unitary package units and split system units.

- Applicable to both retrofit and new construction projects.
- Unit efficiency must be 20% higher than the minimum current Title 24 SEER/EER/IEER rating.
- Eligibility for the fuel substitution rebate is dependent on the replacement of an existing gas unit (of similar size), with an all-electric unit. Customer must submit additional supporting documentation for VPU review and approval (see Program Terms and Conditions section above).
- VPU reserves the right to request documentation which demonstrates that the requirements of the “Fuel Substitution Test” set forth by CPUC Decision 19-08-009 are met.

## Smart Thermostats

Installation of a new Smart thermostat in a commercial or industrial facility

- Smart Thermostat incentive only applies to stand alone units that serve single or multizone.
- Smart Thermostat incentive only applies to the replacement of a non-Wi-Fi enabled thermostat.
- Smart Thermostats controlled via Energy Management Systems (EMS) and/or Building Management Systems (BMS) must go through the VPU Custom Incentive Program.

Measure Description	Deemed Incentive Amount (\$) Per unit
HVAC Split System or Package Unit 12+EER <5 tons	\$300.00
Heat Pump >20% of current Title 24 minimum SEER/EER rating	\$600.00
Heat Pump >20% of current Title 24 minimum SEER/EER rating (Existing Gas to Electric)	\$800.00
Smart Thermostats (Single or Multizone Only)	\$75.00
Heat Pump Clothes Dryer, Energy Star residential-style units >=4 cubic ft	\$350.00
Heat Pump Water Heater, 40 gal, EF ≥ 2.0	\$450.00

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## Restaurant Equipment

Installation of high efficiency electric restaurant equipment, incentives are offered only for new or replacement of energy-efficient restaurant equipment. Program requirements vary depending on measure installed, please see below for more information on incentive requirements.

Measure Description	Deemed Incentive Amount (\$) Per unit	Incentive Requirements
Main Cooler or Freezer Door Auto Closer	\$75.00	Auto-Door Closer
High-Efficiency Refrigerator: >7.75 cubic ft - Average	\$100.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7.75 cubic ft minimum</li> <li>• EnergyStar Rated</li> </ul>
Electric Griddle	\$200.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Minimum cooking efficiency <math>\geq 70\%</math></li> </ul>
Electric Commercial Combination Oven/Steamer	\$1,500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Steam mode cooking efficiency <math>\geq 55\%</math></li> <li>• Convection mode cooking efficiency <math>\geq 78\%</math></li> </ul>
Electric Convection Oven	\$500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Minimum cooking efficiency <math>\geq 76\%</math></li> </ul>
Dishwasher, Energy Star, includes under counter, door-type, single-tank conveyor, and multi-tank conveyor models	\$200.00	EnergyStar Rated
Commercial Electric Fryer	\$500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Minimum cooking efficiency <math>\geq 83\%</math></li> <li>• Energy Star Rated</li> </ul>
Commercial Electric Steam Cooker	\$900.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Minimum cooking efficiency <math>\geq 50\%</math></li> </ul>
Commercial Electric Deck Oven	\$900.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Minimum cooking efficiency <math>\geq 60</math></li> <li>• Idle Rate up to 1.3kW</li> </ul>
Tier 2 High Temperature Door-Type Commercial Dishwashers with water usage $\leq 0.76$ gal/rack	\$600.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• Idle energy rate <math>\leq 0.55</math> kW</li> <li>• Washing energy <math>\leq 0.35</math> kWh/rack</li> </ul>
Electric Insulated, Hot Food Holding Cabinet (HFC) Full Size ( $\geq 15$ cu. ft)	\$500.00	VPU Food Service Qualified Products List
Electric Insulated, Hot Food Holding Cabinet (HFC) Half Size ( $< 15$ cu. ft)	\$300.00	VPU Food Service Qualified Products List
Electric On-demand Commercial Hand Wrap Machine	\$300.00	VPU Food Service Qualified Products List
Reach-in Refrigerator or Freezer $>15$ cubic feet	\$200.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• EnergyStar Rated</li> </ul>
Reach-in Freezer 30 - 49 cubic feet Glass-Door	\$500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• EnergyStar Rated</li> </ul>
Reach-in Freezer $\geq 50$ cubic feet Glass-Door	\$1,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• EnergyStar Rated</li> </ul>
Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT, $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) Freezers, 15 to $<24$ ft <sup>3</sup>	\$500.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• EnergyStar Rated</li> </ul>
Ultra-Low Temperature (ULT, $-80^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) Freezers, 24 to 29 ft <sup>3</sup>	\$1,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VPU Food Service Qualified Products List</li> <li>• EnergyStar Rated</li> </ul>