



# GEORGIA ENVIRONMENTAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

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## **Financing Available to Help Georgia Homeowners Save Energy and Money** *Zero-Interest Loans Available for Energy-Efficiency Projects*

ATLANTA – The Georgia Environmental Finance Authority (GEFA) today encourages Georgians to take advantage of zero-interest financing options to help make their homes more energy efficient and to save money on their utility bills. Financing is available now through Oglethorpe Power Corporation, Electric Cities of Georgia, Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia and Estes Heating & Air.

The residential energy efficiency financing programs, which are funded through GEFA as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), allow homeowners to apply for funding to complete a number of improvement projects, including air sealing and insulating their homes; installing energy-efficient heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems; and purchasing eligible ENERGY STAR appliances. Services and available funding vary by program.

These charts provide information on the participating companies, the loan programs offered, loan terms, eligible projects and participating communities throughout Georgia:

| <b>Oglethorpe Power Corporation</b>   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| <i>Loan Program: Interest Rate Buy-Down</i>   |                        |
| <i>Terms: Zero Percent/36 months/Up to \$5,500 (Terms for Habersham EMC and Flint Energies vary slightly)</i> |                        |
| <i>Eligible Improvements: Weatherization retrofits and ENERGY STAR central HVAC systems</i>                   |                        |
| Altamaha EMC  | Jackson EMC            |
| Amicalola EMC   | Little Ocmulgee EMC    |
| Central Georgia EMC   | Middle Georgia EMC     |
| Coastal EMC   | Mitchell EMC           |
| Cobb EMC  | Oconee EMC             |
| Coweta-Fayette EMC  | Okefenokee REMC        |
| Diverse Power EMC   | Pataula EMC            |
| Flint Energies: Contact for specific loan terms   | Satilla EMC            |
| Greystone Power   | Snapping Shoals EMC    |
| Habersham EMC: Contact for specific loan terms  | Southern Rivers Energy |
| Hart EMC  | Sumter EMC             |
| Irwin EMC   | Walton EMC             |

**Electric Cities of Georgia**

*Loan Program: On-Bill Loan*

*Terms: Zero Percent/60 months/Up to \$5,000*

*Eligible Improvements: ENERGY STAR appliances and central HVAC systems, insulation, air sealing, duct sealing and insulation*

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| City of Covington  | Thomasville Utilities |
| City of Monticello |                       |

**Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia**

*Loan Program: On-Bill Loan*

*Terms: Zero Percent/60 months/Up to \$5,000*

*Eligible Improvements: ENERGY STAR appliances, high-efficiency gas furnaces, tankless water heaters, building improvements, diagnostic testing, duct sealing, insulation and controls improvements*

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| City of Americus   | City of Perry       |
| City of Ashburn    | City of Statesboro  |
| City of Douglas    | City of Summerville |
| City of Dublin     | City of Thomson     |
| City of Fitzgerald |                     |

**Estes Heating & Air**

*Loan Program: 0 down-0% interest Loans*

*Terms: Zero Percent/36 months(typical)/No-Limit*

*Eligible Improvements: Weatherization retrofits, ENERGY STAR natural gas applications, high-efficiency gas furnaces, tankless and solar water heaters, building improvements, diagnostic testing, duct sealing, insulation and controls improvements*

**Available STATEWIDE**

“We are excited to provide homeowners in Georgia the opportunity to get incredible value from making energy-efficient improvements to their homes,” said GEFA Executive Director Kevin Clark. “The participating companies make it easy and convenient for homeowners to conserve energy and save money.”

Interested homeowners are encouraged to contact their electric and/or gas provider for more information on available energy-efficiency loan programs. Low-income homeowners may also be eligible for the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), which provides weatherization services for income-eligible households. Contact information for WAP agencies is available at [www.gefa.org](http://www.gefa.org).

**About the Georgia Environmental Finance Authority ([www.gefa.org](http://www.gefa.org))**

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