

# New Construction Code Compliance

In July 2023, the State of Louisiana adopted an advanced building energy code. In order to help commercial building owners meet this new code, Energy Smart is offering financial incentives for the installation of high efficiency equipment through the Energy Smart New Construction Code Compliance offering.

## Project eligibility

- New building/ground-up construction.
- Addition or expansion of an existing building.
- Gut rehabs that include replacement of all electrical systems, including HVAC, lighting or process equipment.
- “Warm Shell” projects, where the building envelope, central mechanical system and core lighting systems are included in the design and construction, but future buildout work or tenant improvements are permitted separately.

## Incentive offerings

### Prescriptive incentives

Measures with deemed energy efficiency savings and incentives.

### Custom incentives

Available for all other measures and requires calculated energy savings analysis.

### Whole building performance incentive

Available for projects that perform energy modeling, resulting in holistic design and construction energy efficiency improvements.

### Interior and exterior lighting incentives

Based on the proposed system’s lighting power density compared to the maximum wattage allowed by code.

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## Energy Smart is available to all Entergy New Orleans electric customers including:

- Small businesses
- Nonprofit organizations
- Large commercial and industrial facilities
- Publicly funded institutions

## Offering information

### Prescriptive

- Prescriptive incentives are paid a predefined amount per unit based on deemed energy efficiency savings.
- Incentives are capped at the incremental measure cost.
- [See new construction incentive prescriptive rates.](#)

### Whole building performance

- Whole building performance incentives are available for projects that perform energy modeling, resulting in holistic design and construction energy efficiency improvements.
- Projects must reduce overall building electrical usage by at least 10% from the modeled and constructed building relative to minimally code compliant baseline building.
- Projects can receive incentives at tiered level relative to the overall building efficiency achieved.
  - **<20% energy savings: \$0.08/kWh**
  - **20-30% energy savings: \$0.10/kWh**
  - **>30% energy savings: \$0.12/kWh**

### Custom

- Custom incentives are available for all other measures beyond prescriptive and interior and exterior lighting.
- Custom incentives require pre-approval prior to the purchase or installation of equipment.
- Applications must include a detailed energy savings analysis or energy model to document kWh reduction.
- Applications for custom incentives will undergo technical review to verify energy savings and cost-effectiveness.
- Qualifying measures will be paid \$0.125 per kWh reduced.
- Incentives are capped at the incremental measure cost.

### Interior and exterior lighting

- Lighting incentives are available for installed lighting power density (LPD) that consumes lower watts per square foot than the maximum wattage allowed.
- Projects must reduce the lighting power density by at least 10% from the baseline.
- Projects can receive \$1 per watt below the approved wattage baseline.
- Incentives are capped at the incremental measure cost.

## Guidelines and applications

### 1 Apply

Customer<sup>1</sup> submits application package with New Construction documents.

### 2 Receive custom pre-approval

Program approves custom incentives prior to the purchase and installation of equipment.

### 3 Execute

Once approved, materials are ordered and installed.<sup>2</sup>

### 4 Review

Program performs post-installation engineering review after submittal of the final incentive application<sup>3</sup> and required completion documents.

### 5 Receive payment

Incentives<sup>4</sup> will be paid upon receipt of certificate of occupancy.

<sup>1</sup>Customers must adhere to the incentive process and requirements based on incentive offering requirements.

<sup>2</sup>Equipment must be installed and operational upon submittal of the final incentive application.

<sup>3</sup>The final incentive application and completion documents must be submitted within 90 days of construction completion.

<sup>4</sup>Incentives will be capped according to their incentive measure type and at no more than measure cost.

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