

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

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the AOLIEE program is to fund residential low-income energy efficiency projects delivered by Community Action Partnership Agencies (Agency or Agencies) serving Avista low-income customers.

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The AOLIEE program is intended to increase energy efficiency in low-income households by providing a dedicated funding source, which can be leveraged by utilizing existing infrastructure currently in place as a result of delivering the federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and other programs. The customer intake process includes potential consideration for weatherization services and other income-qualified programs that can also serve as referrals for energy assistance services.

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AVAILABLE:

The AOLIEE program shall be available to income-qualified residential customers of Avista as determined by the Agencies. In addition to the income-eligibility requirement, recipient must have an active account with Avista and must use natural gas as their primary heating source when shell measures are installed. 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.

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APPLICABLE:

To natural gas residential dwellings, including multi-unit dwellings.

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PROGRAM FUNDING:

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

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PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION COSTS:

AOLIEE will be administered by the Company in accordance with tariff schedule 485. Administration costs shall not exceed 10% of the total AOLIEE Program budget. Administration costs will cover the cost of processing reimbursement requests, working with Agencies, attending applicable meetings, and other functions to support the program.

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PROGRAM YEAR AND REPORTING

The AOLIEE program year will be the same as the calendar year. Following the end of the program year, the Company will submit an annual report of the AOLIEE program to the Commission on or before April 30<sup>th</sup> of the following year. After filing the annual report, the Company will review the results of the program with Commission Staff and other interested parties to determine if any changes should be made to the program.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Program funds will be allocated to the Agencies based on a target number of homes to be served, Agency energy burden population, or the number of meters served within the service area of each Agency. Such allocation will be determined annually in collaboration with the Agencies. If it is determined that an Agency is under-performing and will not spend all of their allocated funds by the end of the year, those funds may be made available to other Agencies. Any amounts not spent during the program year will not be carried over to the following program year.

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At the Company's discretion, up to \$15,000 can be advanced to each Agency at the beginning of the funding cycle to assist the Agency in managing multiple funding sources. An Agency may request additional funds based on the expected job totals and costs for any subsequent month.

AGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE AND DELIVERY COSTS

Each Agency will be reimbursed for a portion of the administrative and delivery costs of administering the AOLIEE program in the amount of 15% of the reimbursement request cost not to exceed \$2,000 per household. The Agency administrative payment will be included with the payment for installed energy efficiency and health, safety, and repair measures. The Company will process payment requests within thirty (30) days of receiving all required documentation.

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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 Department of Energy (DOE), or 2) the total group of installed measures in the home, as prescribed by the Energy Analyzer Software used by each of the Agencies, meets or exceeds a Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1.0 or better. Measures may be bundled to determine SIR for a group of measures being installed in a home as allowed by the Department of Energy, and those measures identified within the DOE Priority List are not subject to SIR requirements. Agencies shall determine the appropriate measures to install for the AOLIEE program as long as the measure meets the minimum SIR requirement or is identified within the DOE Priority List. If the home has previously received partial weatherization measures under AOLIEE or another program, the measures provided through AOLIEE may instead meet an SIR of 0.60 or better.

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For measures with identifiable savings as established within the Company’s Deemed Measures List, yet not eligible for funding based on the above qualifications, Avista will provide funding for 100% of the total avoided cost of the measure(s).

A measure can only be completed once during its measure life in a home under the program. Under no circumstances will project funding exceed the actual installed cost of the measure(s).

HEALTH, SAFETY, AND REPAIR MEASURE FUNDING

AOLIEE funding may be used for the cost of health, safety, and repair (HSR) measures. These measures are those that adversely impact the safety and health of the occupants living in the home or the effectiveness of the efficiency measures. Agencies may use their discretion on the amount spent on HSR measures in each home, not to exceed 20% of the Agency’s overall budget. Agencies may also choose not to spend any of their AOLIEE funds on HSR measures and instead use them to fund weatherization measures in additional homes.

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AGENCY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Agencies must submit all information required by the Company in order to receive payment of jobs. Required information will be outlined within the contract between the Company and the Agency for administration of the AOLIEE program.

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