Green & Healthy Homes Initiative | Marin County

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The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) is dedicated to breaking the link between unhealthy housing and unhealthy families. Formerly the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning, GHHI replaces stand-alone housing intervention programs with an integrated, whole-house approach that produces sustainable, green, healthy and safe homes. Through this model, we are improving health, economic and social outcomes for low income eligible families across the country.

Solution: Holistic, Single Stream Delivery Model

GHHI, a non-profit based in Baltimore, Maryland, provides a one-stop-shop for families seeking housing intervention programs and related funding, so that clients living in low- to moderate-income households can access expedient and highly effective home repairs. Funding may come from HUD programs, Department of Energy (DOE) programs, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), foundation support and/or utility companies.

These comprehensive interventions not only stabilize individual homes, but strengthen communities by allowing residents to remain in properties that they would otherwise have to vacate due to hazards in the home and escalating energy consumption costs.
What is GHHI Marin?

GHHI Marin is a partnership of local non-profits, government agencies, utility providers, and funders that deliver services and education to individuals and families who live in dwellings with poor health and safety conditions. Following GHHI’s model, we coordinate partner agency programs and funding resources to improve the quality of lives for income eligible residents. By participating in our program, residents can reduce environmental impacts from energy consumption, improve the health, safety, and accessibility in their homes and access long-term savings through lower utility bills.
Who are our partners?
What type of services do we offer?

**Energy Efficiency Modifications**
- Furnace and/or HVAC upgrades
- Lighting upgrades to LED bulbs
- Water-savings upgrades
- Weather stripping

**Home Safety Improvements**
- Installation of grab bars and ramps
- Installation of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Repairs on uneven floors and/or broken stairs
- Removal and replacement of non-EPA certified wood-burning appliances
- Pest management

**Home Rehabilitation**
- Roof, door, and window repair

+ referrals to other social services
Partner Program
Fact Sheets
Multifamily Energy Savings Program Fact Sheet

Program overview
The Multifamily Energy Savings program offers a complimentary walk-through energy assessment for multifamily properties, helping both building owners and tenants save energy and money with recommended adjustments. Market-rate and affordable properties in Marin County are eligible for rebates to lower the cost of the project, no-cost, no obligation energy assessments, no-cost energy and water-saving measures for tenant units, no-cost technical assistance to solicit bids and develop a comprehensive scope of work.

Type of work offered
- No-cost energy assessment and technical assistance
- Financial incentives and rebates for energy and water-saving upgrades
- Post project quality assurance
- No cost direct install measures for tenant units (valued at $25 per unit)
- Education and training for operations and maintenance staff

Territories served
Marin County, Benicia, El Cerrito, Richmond, San Pablo, Walnut Creek, Lafayette and Unincorporated Napa

Type of properties served
Multifamily homes

Funding source
MCE’s energy efficiency programs are funded by a small surcharge on all Californians’ electricity and/or natural gas bills. The California Public Utilities Commission allows MCE to access a portion of these funds for energy efficiency programs.

Active or Inactive
Active

Qualifications
Multifamily property, defined as 4 or more units with shared walls.

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Low Income Families and Tenants (LIFT) Program Fact Sheet

Program overview
MCE developed LIFT to better serve income-qualified, multifamily properties that are not currently benefiting from other low-income programs. LIFT provides comprehensive services to low-income properties and tenants as well as supports fuel switching from gas to electric heat pumps for cleaner and safer energy use.

Examples of eligible work
- Heat pumps fuel switching
- No-cost to you energy assessments
- No-cost technical assistance
- Lighting upgrades
- Pipe insulation
- Energy Star refrigerator upgrade
- Installation of energy-efficient air conditioner

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Active or Inactive
Active

Qualifications
Your total household annual gross income is at or below the current limits as shown above

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Bob Roberts Client Fund Program Fact Sheet

Program overview
From time to time homes may require the installation of a ramp, stair lift, handrail, grab bar or some other home modification to ensure that both seniors and people with disabilities are able to continue to live independently in their home. Funding may be available through the Home Modification Program.

Approved use of the funds include:
- The installation of a ramp, stair lift, handrail, grab bar or some other home modification

Territories served
Marin County

Type of properties served
- Single family, multi family, mobile home, and floating home

Funding source
- Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), donations and proceeds from fundraisers

Active or Inactive
Active

Qualifications
- Must be a senior or person with a disability

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Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program Fact Sheet

Program overview
The Residential Rehabilitation Loan Program provides low-interest property improvement loans and technical assistance to qualified very-low-income homeowners to make basic repairs and improvements, correct substandard conditions, and eliminate health and safety hazards.

- Maximum loan amount is $35,000.
- In cases of financial hardship, no monthly payments are required and repayment of the loan is deferred, either for a specified period or until the property is sold or title to the property is transferred (interest accrues at 5% per year, simple interest).

Examples of eligible work
- Foundation, termite damage and dry-rot repairs
- Energy conservation measures
- Stairs, deck and railing repair
- Door and window repair
- Plumbing, electrical and heating system repairs
- Remodeling for wheelchair accessibility
- Emergency (disaster) repairs
- Roof work
- Creation of legal second units

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Territories served
Marin County

Type of properties served
Single-family homes, floating homes in an approved berth, and mobile homes

Funding source
Federal funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program through HUD

Active or Inactive
Active

Qualifications
- You are the legal owner of the property in need of repair
- The property must be your principal residence
- Your total household annual gross income is less than the current limits established for Marin County by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as shown above.

Contact
Marin Housing
4020 Civic Center Drive
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 491-2550
Marinhousing.org
Wood Stove Rebate Program Fact Sheet

Program overview
The County of Marin are offering rebates for the proper removal and replacement of wood-burning appliances (e.g. wood stoves, inserts and traditional fireplaces) with cleaner burning appliances (gas-burning devices or electric heat pumps). By removing your wood wood-burning appliance, you will help improve air quality for you and your community. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are depleted.

What qualifies?
1. Removal of non-certified wood burning appliance, insert, or fireplace. Recycling of removed appliance required. $250
2. Replacement of non-certified wood burning appliance, insert, or fireplace with a heat pump or gas device $325

Territories served
Homes in unincorporated Marin County and any Marin city or town

Type of properties served
Single-family, multi-family, and mobile home

Funding source
Funded in part by a grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District

Active or Inactive
Active

Contact
Marin County Community Development Agency
Attn: Wood Stove Rebate Program
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 308
San Rafael, CA 94903
(415) 473-2698
energy@marincounty.org
Energy Upgrade California™ Home Upgrade Fact Sheet

Program overview
Energy Upgrade California™ Home Upgrade is a rebate program for Bay Area homeowners looking to make energy efficiency improvements to their homes. Eligible projects include upgrading a furnace, improving insulation, sealing building air leaks, repairing or replacing ducts, and more. Rebates can reach up to $5,500 and vary depending on the scope of the work being done.

No cost assistance is available by calling a Home Upgrade Advisor at (866) 878-6008. The Advisors are there to answer your home energy efficiency questions, connect you with applicable rebate and financing programs, help you find a contractor, and walk you through every step of the upgrade and rebate process.

Rebate Program Options
1. Home Upgrade  Up to $3,150 in rebates
2. Advanced Home Upgrade  Up to $5,500 in rebates

Territories served
Homes in unincorporated Marin County and any Marin city or town

Type of properties served
Single-family

Funding source
California Rate Payers under the auspices of the California Public Utility Commission

Active or Inactive
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Home Upgrade Advisors
(866) 878-6008
www.bayareaenergyupgrade.org
California Youth Energy Services

Program overview
California Youth Energy Services employs local high school and college-aged youth to provide Marin residents with no-cost “Green House Calls.” A Green House Call consists of an energy and water use evaluation and installation of conservation equipment like LED light bulbs, shower heads, and faucet aerators.

Green House Calls take place during the summer months every year, but Marin residents can get on the waitlist all year by calling (510) 665-1501 ext. 5.

Territories served
Homes in unincorporated Marin County and any Marin city or town

Type of properties served
Single-family, multi-family

Funding source
California Rate Payers under the auspices of the California Public Utility Commission

Active or Inactive
Active

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Rising Sun Energy Center
(510) 665-1501 ext. 5
www.risingsunenergycenter.org/programs/green-house-call-residents
Energy Savings Assistance Program Fact Sheet

Program Overview
The Energy Savings Assistance program provides home improvements to make homes more energy efficient, safe, and comfortable. Typical measures include weather stripping, caulking, low-flow showerheads, water heater blankets, and energy efficient lightbulbs. Home owners may also be eligible for energy efficient refrigerators, attic insulation, and furnace and water heater repairs. Installations are conducted by professional CESC staff members that are highly skilled in the construction trades.

Eligible Measures
- Weather stripping
- Caulking
- Installation of low-flow showerheads
- Installation of water heater blankets
- Upgrades to ENERGY STAR Advanced LED light bulbs

 Territories Served
PG&E Customers in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Marin counties

Type of properties served
Single-family, multi-family, and mobile homes

Funding source
California Public Utility Commission, and PG&E rate payers through the Public Purpose Program

Active or Inactive
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Qualifications
- Home must be at least 5 years old
- Home must be a minimum of 250 square feet
- Total household annual gross income is at or below the current limits as shown.

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Each additional person, add $8,360

Contact
1-888-436-3751
Steps to Get Help
What are the steps for someone interested in the program?

01. Resident/property owner fills out GHII Marin’s Intake Form

02. GHII Marin determines what partner services the applicant is eligible for

03. GHII Marin coordinates the applicable home assessments and client surveys to identify areas of need

04. Scope of Work is developed and finalized and services are delivered

05. Once project is complete, service providers verify the work that has been done and GHII Marin conducts a client exit survey
A green and healthy home supports the well-being of the people living there in many different ways. Ensure your home is clean, healthy and safe by following GHHI’s 8 Elements of a green and healthy home.

A green and healthy home is:

**DRY**
- Always clean spills and floods immediately
- Check the plumbing in your home for leaks
- Prevent rain water from entering your home by making sure drainage around the outside is flowing away from the house
- Prevent water from entering your home by repairing roof leaks before they get too big

**CLEAN**
- Empty trash regularly
- Make sure you have a place to keep dirty laundry so it’s not on the floor
- Reduce clutter
- Clean surfaces with a wet cloth or sponge instead of dry dusting to avoid suspending dust particles into the air

**CONTAMINANT-FREE**
- Keep floors and window areas clean using a wet-cleaning approach
- Have your home tested for radon, a naturally occurring dangerous gas
- Reduce lead-related hazards in homes built before 1978 by having deteriorated paint removed or made safe

**PEST-FREE**
- If needed, use sticky-traps and baits
- Seal cracks and openings throughout the home so pests can’t get in
- Store food in air tight containers

**SAFE**
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and keep fire extinguishers on hand, especially in the kitchen
- Secure loose rugs and repair loose handrails to prevent fall injuries
- Keep children’s play areas free from hard or sharp surfaces
- Store and properly label food

**ENERGY-EFFICIENT**
- Caulk windows and door frames to ensure that they are airtight
- Change the filter on your furnace when dirty
- Install a programmable thermostat for energy savings
- Seal your heating and cooling ducts
- Switch all light fixtures to LEDs

**WELL-VENTILATED**
- Ensure adequate airflow throughout your home to avoid condensation and buildup of pollutants
- Ventilate bathrooms and kitchen

**WELL-MAINTAINED**
- Inspect, clean and repair your home routinely
- Take care of minor repairs and problems before they become large

For more information, please visit www.greenhealthyhomesmarin.org
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