

# Backgrounder

## Home Energy Savings Program (HESP) for Electric Heat (and sources other than oil)

### What is the Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)?

HESP is designed to assist households with low income in making energy efficient retrofits to their homes. The program assists clients with retrofits that will make their homes more affordable and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

### What assistance is available under HESP?

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC) will provide a pre and post-energy evaluation.

For owners of single, row and semi-detached housing, assistance is available in the form of a grant up to \$5,000.

Condo owners are not eligible for HESP assistance.

### What repairs or renovations qualify under this program?

All repairs will be identified through an energy evaluation, which will determine the best possible solutions for energy efficiency. A post-energy evaluation will also be required to confirm that identified work was completed. Examples of some repairs that will create energy efficiency are: basement and attic insulation, and draft-proofing.

### Who is eligible?

Homeowners with incomes of \$32,500 or less per year. If your primary heat source is oil/electricity, you must provide proof of your annual consumption. Annual electrical consumption can be obtained by calling Newfoundland Power at 1-800-663-2802 or NL Hydro at 1-888-737-1296.

Proof of home-ownership must be provided with the application to the satisfaction of NLHC. Homeowner(s) must provide consent

to allow NLHC to receive income information from Canada Revenue Agency. Incomplete applications will be returned.

If you have already received HESP or REEP assistance you are not eligible to apply.

### How are eligible homeowners selected for the program?

There is limited funding available. Applicants will be served on a “first-come, first-served” basis. Applications can be dropped off at any NLHC office, and will be date stamped when received, or if mailed the post-mark date will be used.

### Additional Information

Additional information is available online at [www.nlhc.nl.ca](http://www.nlhc.nl.ca) or at the regional NLHC office nearest you. Inquiries can be made directly to:

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