

# 0% Financing Heat Loan

## Information for RI Multifamily Condo Owners

### Steps, Standards & Enrollment Form

0% Financing is available to qualified customers participating in the Multifamily Program and is designed to promote the installation of high efficiency improvements. Customers are eligible to apply for a 0% interest loan and obtain applicable utility rebates for the measures installed.

Customers must be condominium unit owners, in facilities of five or more units, and have a current residential gas and/or electric account with National Grid.

- 1. Obtain a 0% Financing Enrollment Form.** Call **1-888-633-7947** for more information and the list of participating lenders.
- 2. Obtain signed, itemized contractor proposals for the eligible efficiency improvements that you want to finance.** The customer is responsible for obtaining proposals from qualified contractor(s) for the eligible efficiency improvements. Do-it-yourself installations are not eligible for 0% Financing. Review the Minimum Standards and Requirements below and share a copy with your contractor(s).

**Choose the contractor(s) you want to use and provide copies of the contractor proposals to your 0% Financing Administrator for eligibility review and approval.** The 0% Financing Administrator will review the proposal(s) the customer submits for 0% Financing. The 0% Financing Administrator will contact the customer if any paperwork is incomplete or does not meet the eligibility requirements. Mail, fax, or email the following information for review and authorization:

- ✓ A completed and signed 0% Financing Enrollment Form. Keep a copy for your records to bring to the lender.
  - ✓ Contractor proposal(s) for the eligible improvements you want to finance along with all required supporting documentation as described in the Minimum Standards and Requirements.
- 3. Receive a 0% Financing Authorization Form and contact a Participating Lender.** The customer provides the 0% Financing Authorization Form and a copy of the 0% Financing Enrollment Form to the lender to begin the underwriting process. Loans are unsecured or secured depending on the lender. Refer to the Participating Lender List for preapproval and loan options. A loan application cannot be made until the 0% Financing Authorization has been issued.
  - 4. Schedule a verification inspection when the work is completed.** The customer must contact the 0% Financing Administrator to schedule a verification inspection. The purpose of the inspection is to confirm that the work financed by the 0% Financing has been installed. The customer will receive a copy of the inspection results to bring to the lender and close the loan.

Eligible Customer - Unit Owner in a 5 or more Unit Property	Type	Loan Amount	Loan Term
Owner Occupied	Micro Loan	\$500 – \$2,000	24 months
Owner Occupied	5 or more Unit Standard Loan	\$2,001 – \$25,000	Up to 84 Months

*Maximum loan amounts and loan type can vary by participating lender.*

- 5. Check disbursements.** Once the verification inspection has taken place, the customer contacts the lender to coordinate the closing. Customers will receive a loan agreement and two-party check(s) made out to the customer and contractor for the full amount of the loan, net any utility rebates.

**Note: All payment arrangements including payment of any required initial deposits, subsequent or final payments, along with payments schedule, are solely between the contractor and the customer.**

Financing offer is for a limited time. Participating in the 0% Financing Program is contingent on being approved for a loan from a participating lender. Financing is subject to funding availability and the Terms and Conditions listed on the 0% Financing Enrollment Form are subject to change or cancellation without notice. This program will end on 12/31/20.

**0% Financing Minimum Standards and Requirements.**

**Heating Systems and Thermostat Controls:**

Heating system proposal(s) must state manufacturer, model and Efficiency Rating (AFUE, HSPF, or COP) of the proposed heating system. Installations must be performed by a RI licensed heating contractor. A RI Master Pipefitter's License is required and should be reflected on the proposal.

Distribution system upgrades are limited and can only be covered when a customer is switching from Electric baseboard, Electric radiant heat or when a customer is switching from a steam boiler to a hot water boiler.

Heating Systems and Controls	Minimum Standard
Furnace — Natural Gas with ECM*	AFUE 95%
Steam Boiler — Natural Gas	AFUE 82%
Hot Water Boiler — Natural Gas	AFUE 95%

\*Electronic Commutated Motor  
HSPF (Heating Seasonal Performance Factor)  
AFUE (Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency)  
COP (Coefficient of Performance)

Heating Systems and Controls	Minimum Standard
Combined High Efficiency Boiler and Water Heater — Natural Gas	AFUE 90%
Air Source Heat Pump — Electric	HSPF 9.0**
Ground Source Heat Pump	COP 3.3
Heat Recovery Ventilator – Gas Minimum Standard: Factory assemble packaged unit, excludes portable units	
Natural Gas — Market Boiler Reset Controls (After Market)	

\*\*only financeable when replacing an existing heat pump or when switching from electric baseboard or electric radiant heat

**Insulation:** Copays for insulation completed through the Multifamily Program are eligible for 0% financing. All measures must be installed to the Multifamily Program material and installation standards. Work must be completed by a contractor that has met all of the requirements and is currently eligible to provide program approved weatherization services in the Multifamily Program. Insulation proposals need to be itemized by type of work, insulation area, square footage, costs, and inches installed. Pre-Weatherization financing availability for knob and tube remediation only (up to \$1000.00 max; must provide a proposal from a licensed electrician).

**Domestic Hot Water Systems:** Domestic hot water systems must meet the minimum efficiency standards as noted in the following table to be eligible for 0% Financing. Installations must be performed by a RI licensed plumber or heating contractor.

Heating Systems and Controls	Minimum Standard
Indirect Water Heater	Meets Rhode Island State Code Requirements
Freestanding Electric Water Heater	Energy Factor (EF) > .92
On-Demand Tankless Water Heater – Natural Gas	Energy Factor (EF) > .94 with Electronic Ignition
Freestanding Gas Water Heaters	Energy Factor (EF) > .67

Heating Systems and Controls	Minimum Standard
Heat Pump Water Heater	Energy Factor (EF) > 2.3
Solar Hot Water	Collectors must be certified by SRCC (Solar Rating Certification Corporation)
Condensing Water Heater – Natural Gas	Thermal Efficiency ≥ 95%

**To submit your information for 0% Financing, please tear off the attached document, fill out completely and then mail, e-mail, or fax to the address indicated on the form.**



# 0% Financing Enrollment Form



## Section 1

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Units in Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Company: RISE Engineering      Company Phone Number: 1-888-633-7947

### Existing Thermal Shell Conditions:

Insulation and/or Air Sealing Measures are recommended through Multifamily Program

No Insulation or Air Sealing Upgrades are recommended through Multifamily Program

### Existing Heating System:

Furnace       Steam Boiler       Hot Water Boiler       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Gas     Oil     Propane       Electric       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Existing Domestic Hot Water System:

Freestanding Tank     Indirect       Tankless       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Natural Gas     Propane       Oil       Electric       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2

National Grid Electric Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

National Grid Gas Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner/Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Installation Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail (to be used in communication with you only): \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Occupants in Household: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

### I am interested in applying for 0% Financing for the following Energy Efficiency Improvements:

Insulation

Energy Efficient Heating System Replacement

Energy Efficient Domestic Hot Water System

ENERGY STAR® Thermostat(s)

Pre-Weatherization (Knob & Tube remediation)

Name of Participating Lender: \_\_\_\_\_

### Customer Acknowledgement:

I certify that I have read and understand the Minimum Standards and Requirements information that was provided and have provided a copy to the individual contractor(s) whose proposal(s) are submitted with this 0% Financing Enrollment Form for eligibility approval. If desired, customer can contact a participating lender for pre-approval before obtaining firm contractor estimates. I understand that I cannot apply for a 0% Financing until I submit proposals to the 0% Financing Administrative Vendor noted on the reverse side of this form and receive a 0% Financing Authorization Form. Furthermore, I understand that after receiving the 0% Financing Authorization Form, I must formally apply for the 0% Financing at a Participating Lender.

A listing of Participating Lenders, including a summary of applicable fees and charges, can be obtained by calling **1-888-633-7947**. The actual amount of the 0% Financing will be determined by the actual costs of all of the approved energy efficiency improvements and can range from \$500-\$25,000 depending on the lender you use. Some lenders require a \$2000 minimum loan amount. The 0% Financing amount shall be net of any additional rebates or incentives available through the Multifamily Program.

I understand that receipt of a 0% Financing Authorization Form does not guarantee approval for 0% Financing. 0% Financing may only be provided directly from a Participating Lender. I understand that I should not complete any energy efficiency improvements or otherwise rely on the funds of 0% Financing until I receive a formal commitment from a Participating Lender. I have read, understood and agree to the Terms and Conditions printed on the reverse side of this form.

Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**To determine measure eligibility for the 0% Financing, submit the following:**

1. This completed 0% Financing Enrollment Form
2. Contractor proposal(s) for the eligible improvements you want to finance with the 0% Financing (as applicable) including:
  - a. Heating and Hot Water Systems
    - i. Manufacturer, Model #, BTU Output and Efficiency Rating (AFUE) of the proposed heating system.
    - ii. Manufacturer, Model #, Size, and Energy Factor (EF) if applicable for the proposed water heater.  
Itemized list of all work and equipment to be installed in association with the heating system (plumbing, electrical, disposal and specialized controls and thermostats).
    - iii. The cooling or air conditioning components of any system cannot be funded using the 0% Financing.  
The costs for these components must be paid for separately.
  - b. Weatherization Improvements
    - i. Copy of the Multifamily Program Participation form obtained through an energy audit by the Multifamily Program

**3. Mail, e-mail or fax these items to:**

**0% Financing, RISE Engineering, 1341 Elmwood Ave. Cranston, RI 02910**  
**Fax Number: 401-784-3710 | E-Mail: residentialinfo@riseengineering.com**

RISE Engineering (RISE) will review the submitted proposal(s) and verify compliance with the Minimum Standards and Requirements. If the submitted proposal(s) meet the Minimum Standards and Requirements, RISE will provide the customer with a 0% Financing Authorization Form indicating the amount of the 0% Financing that the customer can apply for. All improvements must be completed by an approved contractor.

**Terms and Conditions:**

**Customer Eligibility:** You must be a current National Grid residential customer eligible to participate in the Multifamily Program.

**You must also be a condominium owner in a facility with 5 or more units and this must be the same residence receiving the energy efficiency improvements.** Customer may only receive one 0% Financing.

**Incentives:** The 0% Financing amount shall be net of any additional rebates or incentives available through the Multifamily Program

**No Warrantees:** NATIONAL GRID DOES NOT WARRANT THE PERFORMANCE OF ANY INSTALLED EQUIPMENT. NATIONAL GRID EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS ANY AND ALL WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND, WHETHER ORAL, STATUTORY, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY, USAGE, SUITABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. NATIONAL GRID DOES NOT MAKE ANY REPRESENTATION OF ANY KIND REGARDING THE RESULTS TO BE ACHIEVED BY THE INSTALLATION OF ANY ENERGY EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENT.

**Limitation of Liability:** National Grid and its program administrator's liability are limited to the amount of the rebate and loan interest rate subsidy. National Grid is not liable for any indirect or consequential damages or for any damages connected with or resulting from participation in this offer.

**Post Installation Work Verification:** National Grid reserves the right to withhold payment of any rebate until the installed improvements have undergone a verification and inspection of the specified installation in order to ensure compliance with program requirements. If measures installed do not meet program requirements, the customer is liable for the repayment to the electric utility of the amount of the 0% Financing interest buy down.

**Changes in Program:** Rebate and financing offer is for a limited time. Participation in the 0% Financing Program is contingent on being approved for a loan from a Participating Lender. Rebates and financing are subject to funding availability. The program Terms and Conditions are subject to change or cancellation without notice. This program offer will end on December 31, 2020.

**Glossary of Terms:**

AFUE – Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency

EF – Energy Factor

0% Financing Program – A financing program being offered by the Multifamily Program to assist customers in financing energy savings improvements.

For questions regarding the Rhode Island 0% Financing Program or for assistance in completing this form, contact RISE Engineering at **1-888-633-7947**.