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Make Energy Improvements with Anoka County Energy Loan Program

Shivering with your old, inefficient furnace? Putting up with cold showers thanks to your worn out water heater? You may be able to replace your old appliances with energy efficient models under a special loan program offered to eligible homeowners by the Anoka County Community Development Department, in partnership with the Housing Resource Center.

The Anoka County Home Energy Loan program offers 0 percent interest, deferred, forgivable loans that allow residents to replace their inefficient furnaces or make other energy improvements to help lower their monthly expenses.

The program is open to homeowners in Anoka County, except residents of Coon Rapids, which administers its own program. Contact the city for more information.

The following improvements are eligible for the program:

- A primary heating system such as a furnace, boiler, and/or water heater. (Heating unit replacement will be of the highest reasonable efficiency based on size and need of the housing unit.)
- Issues related to inadequate or failing insulation within attics and crawl spaces.

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- Programmable thermostats, smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide detectors as necessary by the replacement of a heating unit or as needed to comply with state and local codes.
- Only replacement of cooling units is eligible.
- Humidifiers, fireplaces, or other appliances are not eligible.

Participants will be eligible to receive no more than the cost of the replacement of the heating system or other improvement. This is a 0 percent, 10-year deferred loan that will be forgiven in the 11th year. If the property is sold, transferred, or no longer the principal place of residence within 10 years of the work being completed, the recipient will be required to repay the loan.

Program eligibility and requirements:

- Property owners must reside in Anoka County and their income must be at or below the following income guidelines:

Family Size	Annual Income Limit
1	\$44,800
2	\$51,200
3	\$57,600
4	\$64,000
5	\$69,100
6	\$74,250
7	\$79,350
8	\$84,500

- The home must be at least 15 years old.
- Owner must be current on utility bills or current on any payment plan.

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- The home must be the owner's full-time residence.
- Program participants are required to complete a home energy audit.
- Housing unit must not have received housing rehabilitation dollars within the last 15 years.
- Applications will be submitted to and reviewed by the Housing Resource Center on behalf of Anoka County. Anoka County has final approval on loans.

After completing the upgrades, homeowners also may be eligible for tax credits or rebates.

To find out if you qualify for the Anoka County Home Energy Loan program or to get more information, call the Housing Resource Center at 651-486-7401, or visit www.AnokaCounty.us/CD and click on the Home Energy Rehabilitation Loan icon.