












## GET MONEY BACK IN 2021 WITH LPEA'S REBATE PROGRAMS

With a new year comes new ways to save with LPEA. If you're considering an upgrade or improvement project for your home or business this year, remember you can get money back through the following rebate programs.

REBATE TYPE	REBATE DETAILS
Outdoor Electrical Equipment and E-bikes 	25% of the price of an electric bike, snowblower, lawn mower, leaf blower, pruner, chainsaw etc. (up to \$50 - \$150 per item). Combined maximum rebate \$300 per member per year.
Residential Lighting 	50% of the cost of LED light bulbs purchased, up to \$8 per/bulb. Maximum 50 bulbs per member per year.
Commercial Lighting 	For large or small commercial LED lighting retrofit projects and new construction. Amounts vary based on the project.
Energy Star Appliances 	\$90 per unit for a heat pump clothes dryer. \$30 per unit for a top-load clothes washer. \$40 per unit for a front-load clothes washer. \$30 per unit for an electric clothes dryer. \$30 per unit for a refrigerator or freezer. \$20 per unit for a dishwasher. \$60 per unit for recycling your old refrigerator or freezer.
Electric Heat Pump/ Mini-Split Systems 	\$500/ton for units greater than 17 SEER (up to 50% of equipment costs). \$350/ton for units rated from 15 to 17 SEER (up to 50% of equipment costs).
Permanent Electric Heaters 	\$30/kW for Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) heater. \$30/kW for Thermal Slab heating.
Energy Efficiency Audit 	Up to \$150 for residential audits. Up to \$300 for commercial audits.
Energy Star Air Conditioner Split System 	Up to \$150 per unit.
Electric Vehicle Charger 	FREE use of a Level 2 ChargePoint Flex plug-in charger for home use (\$700 value). Up to \$500 (not to exceed 50%) of electric parts and labor costs to install a suitable EV charging outlet. Up to \$250 for the independent purchase of a Level 2 charger and up to \$250 for its installation (or 50% of material and labor costs).
Electric/Heat Pump Water Heater 	\$700 for fuel switching from propane or natural gas, and providing data to LPEA. \$550 for standard electric water heater to heat pump water heater. \$75 for electric water heaters with lifetime warranty. \$55 all other electric water heaters with a 6-yr warranty.
Low Income Weatherization 	Funding available only for low-income members. Contact us for more details.

For more details and application materials, visit: [lpea.coop/lpea-rebate-programs](https://lpea.coop/lpea-rebate-programs)

## MATERIAL DELAYS DUE TO COVID-19

LPEA is dealing with major material shortages nationwide due to COVID-19. It can now take up to two months to receive key equipment like meter panels and transformers, which are the two biggest components of jobs



like extending electric service to new homes, upgrading service to existing homes, or servicing subdivision developments. Because of this, these jobs are taking longer to complete. We want to thank you for your patience and understanding. We are doing our best to serve you amidst these delays.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Need to reach us and don't want to wait? Our lowest call volumes are from 7 to 8 a.m. and from 5 to 6 p.m. As a reminder, LPEA's customer service reps are available to serve you from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



Give us a call at (970) 247-5786!

## INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR LPEA'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS?



It's time again for LPEA director elections! In accordance with our bylaws, four of LPEA's Board of Directors seats are up for election annually - one in each district. The board sets LPEA's strategic direction and establishes policy. If you want to get more involved in your local non-profit utility, we encourage you to apply.

In mid-February, LPEA will post the 2021 Board Candidate Packets on our website. Interested candidates must

complete the application materials and return to LPEA by the deadline listed. Qualified candidates will be added to the official ballot sent to all LPEA members in mid-May.

Election results will be announced during a partial virtual Annual Meeting on June 17th, 2021. Given the concerning and unpredictable impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the date for the business portion of the 2021 LPEA Annual Meeting will be set later this year.

To be eligible to run for the LPEA Board of Directors, candidates must:

1. be a member of LPEA for at least one year immediately prior to becoming a director;
2. be a bona fide resident of the district you plan to represent for at least 120 days prior to becoming a director and;
3. not be employed by, or have a spouse or child employed by, LPEA in any position.

**More at: [lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information](https://lpea.coop/board-director-candidate-information)**

## REMOVE CLUTTER, GO PAPERLESS

Do you really need that paper version of your LPEA bill, or would an email suffice? If you'd like to declutter your life and save a tree, elect to go paperless! Log into SmartHub > select My Profile > select Update My Paper Bill Settings > turn on the paperless bill option. Or, call us at (970) 247-5786.



## LPEA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 1ST

LPEA is offering nine scholarships for graduating high school students - including GED graduates - in our service territory. These scholarships aim to help students continue their education, either in traditional academic institutions or in trade schools.

Scholarships range from \$500 to \$28,000 and can be used at any accredited school in the United States. This year, the application process is all online. All applications are due March 1st. **For more details and to apply, visit: [lpea.coop/scholarships](https://lpea.coop/scholarships)**



The latest news, services, programs, and resources from LPEA. Have a question or comment? Email us at [comments@lpea.coop](mailto:comments@lpea.coop).



### NEXT BOARD MEETINGS

February 17th and March 10th

The agenda, board packet, and access/location details will be posted online in advance of the meeting. Public comments are heard at the beginning of the meeting shortly after 9 a.m.\*

More at: [lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources](https://lpea.coop/lpea-board-directors-resources)



### NEXT FINANCE + AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 11th and March 11th  
2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.\*

More at: [lpea.coop/board-directors-committees](https://lpea.coop/board-directors-committees)



### NEXT BROADBAND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

February 9th and March 9th  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.\*

More at: [lpea.coop/board-directors-committees](https://lpea.coop/board-directors-committees)

*\*All meetings are open to the public and live streamed.*



### LPEA GRANTS

LPEA's Round Up Foundation Board of Directors approved **five grants totaling \$13,400** in December for Annie's Orphans, the Salvation Army's Durango office, Archuleta Seniors, Fort Lewis College Engineering and Physics students, and the Be Frank Foundation.