# MONTLHY NEWSLETTER



**Empowering Electrification Equitably** 



# **Powering into 2025!**

**Equity Advocates,** 

As we welcome 2025, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible journey Electrify Equity has been on. Next month, we'll celebrate a significant milestone—our one-year anniversary as an organization! Even in this short time, we've accomplished so much together.

In 2024, we forged meaningful community partnerships with organizations like Oasis Energy Partners, Next Generation Inc., and Project Blac. Collaborating with these like-minded groups allowed us to advance our mission through impactful outreach and industry events. We also had the chance to collaborate on several grants—a challenging yet invaluable learning experience that helped us gain our footing in this dynamic industry.

As we look ahead, 2025 promises to be a tremendous year for growth. With growth comes greater opportunities to create an even more meaningful impact in underserved communities.

Thank you for your unwavering support. Let's continue to electrify equity and empower communities in 2025!

Best is Ahead,

Deedra Simmons

**Executive Director, Electrify Equity** 



**NEW BOARD MEMBER** 

We are thrilled to welcome Arthur Summerville to the board! Arthur brings extensive expertise in federal funding, hydrogen technology, and wasteto-green energy solutions. <u>Here's a link to his bio</u>. I'm excited about the growth opportunities he brings to Electrify Equity.



**2025 GOALS** 

In 2025, we will strive to expand partnerships, install at least 20 EV chargers, retrofit 5-7 homes in underserved communities, expansion into DC+VA and amplify outreach programs. Together, we'll drive impactful change in the communities that need it most. Let's make this a transformative year!



# **EV TAX CREDITS & INCENTIVES**

The federal EV tax credit of \$7,500 faces uncertainty with a new administration taking office. However, an updated list of eligible vehicles is now available below. Can the EV industry thrive without these credits? These incentives remain critical to widespread adoption. Electrify Equity will keep you informed as updates unfold.



#### **EMPOWER MARYLAND**

Did you know Maryland's five largest electric utilities offer programs to help households and businesses save energy and money? From free or discounted energy audits to weatherization and efficient appliances, there's something for everyone! Click below to explore current incentives from your utility company.



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We're growing, and so are the ways you can get involved! From event support to community outreach, we're looking for passionate volunteers to join our mission. Interested? Send an email to volunteer@electrifyequity.org to learn more!



## **INITIATIVE SPOTLIGHT**

Our Community Electrifiers program empowers local residents by sponsoring them to become certified EV Infrastructure Technicians and Energy Auditors. We cover all training costs, materials, and equipment, eliminating financial barriers. This initiative creates sustainable clean energy careers while ensuring communities are equipped to maintain EV infrastructure and improve energy efficiency. Fill out this <u>form</u> to get on our waiting list.