

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Ensuring Electrification Equitably



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Kicking Off 2026 With Purpose and Progress

Hello Equity Advocates,

January marked a strong and energizing start to the year for Electrify Equity. We were thrilled to onboard our new Community Outreach Coordinator, who joined the team at the beginning of the month and quickly immersed herself in training, program development, and preparation. In just a few short weeks, she was ready to lead her very first community event—an exciting milestone for both her and our growing organization.

That event took the form of our first monthly webinar, *Electrify Your Savings*. With the support of our valued community partners, we helped Maryland residents better understand the resources available to lower their electricity bills. This effort is especially critical, as many low-income households spend nearly 25% of their income on energy costs, creating an overwhelming energy burden.

As we move forward, our mission remains clear. We will continue navigating new ways to support residents, expand access to energy-saving resources, and build pathways toward a more equitable energy future. Thank you for being part of this journey with us—we're just getting started.

Best is ahead,

Deedra Simmons

Executive Director, Electrify Equity



NEW HIRE ANNOUNCEMENT

We're excited to welcome Jasmine Hicks as Electrify Equity's new Community Outreach Coordinator! Jasmine brings prior experience engaging residents around solar access, energy efficiency, and home electrification, along with leading national community and public health outreach programs for youth in Washington, DC. We're thrilled to have her on board and look forward to the impact she'll make in our communities.



JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

We're hiring! Electrify Equity is seeking two Community Liaisons to support and promote community engagement events as part of our Hyattsville Clean Energy Empowerment Initiative. Candidates must live in Hyattsville, MD. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to deedra@electrifyequity.org



EVENT RECAP

On January 22nd, we hosted our first virtual event as part of our new monthly webinar series, Electrify Your Savings. The session highlighted current programs, rebates, and financial incentives designed to help residents lower energy bills and improve home efficiency. Our next webinar is scheduled for February 19th—we hope you'll join us! Click [here](#) to reserve your spot.



SAVE THE DATE!

Join us for an Earth Week Community Event on April 25th at Anacostia River Park in Hyattsville, MD! Community residents can explore energy-friendly vendors and learn about local businesses making a positive impact. We're currently seeking vendors and volunteers—if you're interested, please reach out to Jasmine@ElectrifyEquity.org. More details, including vendor packages, will be shared in the coming weeks!



CLEAN ENERGY NEWS

In January 2026, a U.S. District Court in Washington, DC ruled that the administration's decision to halt millions of dollars in clean energy grants was unlawful, noting the action disproportionately impacted projects in Democratic-led states. The court ordered the grants to be restored and directed the administration to cover legal fees. Previously, the Department of Energy had abruptly paused more than \$7.5 billion in funding for 223 clean energy projects in October.



Energy Conservation
Assistance Program

RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: FAIRFAX COUNTY

Is your—or someone you know—homeowners association, nonprofit organization, or place of worship located in Fairfax County, VA and looking to improve energy efficiency? The Energy Conservation Assistance Program offers reimbursement grants of up to \$15,000 per year for eligible organizations to support energy audits, building efficiency upgrades, solar installations, and more. They are currently accepting applications and can apply [here](#) or contact rama.mitry@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.