

## Funding Opportunities to Cover EV Charger Installation Costs for Single-Family Homeowners

Navigating rebates and incentives can be confusing, but the Women Who Charge team is here to help! As part of the **Ampere my Home Program**, we want to ensure you have access to every resource available to cover the costs of installing your new EV charging station.

Below are the primary programs and resources available in Colorado to help low-income households and Denver residents pay for charger installation.

### 1. Enrollment Prerequisite: Optimize Your Charge Program

Before applying for the installation rebates, all participants who are Xcel Energy electric customers must first enroll in Xcel Energy's **Optimize Your Charge** program through their MyAccount.

- **What it is:** This program is designed to encourage charging during off-peak hours (often called a Time-of-Use or "TOU" program), which helps stabilize the electric grid and can result in lower utility costs for you. Enrollment in this program is a mandatory first step to qualify for the Extended Rebate and other Xcel incentives.
- **Rebate Note:** The specific dollar amounts associated with the rebates offered through the "Optimize Your Charge" program can change based on current Xcel Energy initiatives and the type of charger or EV you connect. Our team will guide you through this initial enrollment to ensure compliance.

### 2. The Xcel Energy EV Installation Rebate Programs

This section details the two main components of Xcel Energy funding available to reduce or eliminate the cost of your installation.

#### 2A. EV Charger and Wiring Rebate

This rebate provides funding to cover the electrician's labor and wiring costs associated with placing the charger. Since your equipment is provided **free** by the Ampere my Home Program, these rebates are used entirely to pay the electrician's bill for the installation itself.

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Program Tier	Typical Maximum Rebate Amount	What it Covers	Qualification Priority
<b>Income-Qualified Extended Rebate</b>	Up to <b>\$1,300</b>	Installation labor and wiring costs.	Low-to-moderate income customers (below 80% AMI).
<b>Disproportionately Impacted Community (DIC) Rebate</b>	Up to <b>\$800</b>	Installation labor and wiring costs.	Standard-income customers who live in a designated DIC area.
<b>Standard Rebate (If Not Income-Qualified/DIC)</b>	Up to <b>\$500</b>	Installation labor and wiring costs.	All other Xcel Energy residential electric customers.

## 2B. Electrical Service Upgrade Rebate

This is a separate rebate available for income-qualified customers if the installation requires an upgrade to your home's main electrical service panel (a service upgrade) to safely accommodate the new Level 2 charger.

Program Tier	Total Maximum Rebate Amount	What it Covers
<b>Income-Qualified Service Upgrade Rebate</b>	Up to <b>\$2,000</b>	Covers the cost of increasing the capacity of your home's main electrical service panel.

**Important Note on Payment (Instant Rebate):** Xcel Energy offers an **instant rebate** option where the electrician receives the rebate funds directly from Xcel Energy on your behalf. This allows the electrician to provide you with a reduced, lower bill upfront, eliminating the need for you to pay the full installation cost and wait for reimbursement. **This instant rebate option is exclusively available to participants using an electrician partnered with the Ampere my Home Program.** We will help you complete the necessary **alternate recipient form** to secure this instant rebate.

## How to Qualify for the Extended Rebate

To qualify for the highest level of rebate funding (the **\$1,300** and **\$2,000** tiers), your household must meet **one** of the following income thresholds:

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- Income below **60%** of the state of Colorado's median income, **OR**
  - Income below **200%** of the federal poverty level, **OR**
  - Income below **80%** of the Area Median Income (AMI) for your specific county (see examples below).

County Group	Individual Income Limit (80% AMI)	Family of 4 Income Limit (80% AMI)
Denver, Jefferson, Arapahoe, Adams, Douglas	\$73,040	\$104,320
Boulder	\$81,760	\$116,800
Mesa	\$52,800	\$75,360
Summit	\$68,240	\$97,440

## Automatic Eligibility

You are also automatically eligible if you are currently enrolled in any of the following state or utility assistance programs:

- State of Colorado Low-Income-Energy Assistance Program (LEAP)
- Energy Outreach Colorado's Colorado Affordable Residential Energy Program (CARE)
- Colorado's Weather Assistance Program (WAP)
- Xcel Energy income-qualified demand side management program
- Xcel Energy's income-qualified Community Solar Gardens program
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF)

## Need Help with Qualification?

The pre qualification is vital to getting your rebate processed quickly. Please contact the program administrator at Xcel for assistance:

- **Phone:** 1-800-219-6500
- **Email:** [XcelQualify@clearesult.com](mailto:XcelQualify@clearesult.com)

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### 3. City of Denver – Climate Action Rebate (CARE) Program

If you live within the City and County of Denver, you may also qualify for an additional rebate through the Climate Action, Sustainability, and Resiliency (CASR) program.

- **Rebate Amount:** Up to **\$200** or 80% of the project cost for a standard EV charger.
- **Eligibility Check:** To qualify, the home must be:
  - In the City and County of Denver.
  - An existing **single-family dwelling, two-family dwelling (duplex), or townhome** (These housing types are explicitly eligible for this program).
  - Served by Xcel Energy Residential Service.
- **Contact for Questions:** If you have questions about the CARE rebate, please email [sustainability@denvergov.org](mailto:sustainability@denvergov.org).
- **Learn More:** [Denver CASR EV Charger Rebates](#)

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### 4. Colorado Energy Office - Home Electrification and Appliance Rebates (HEAR)

This state-level program is essential for homeowners who may need to upgrade their electrical panel (service upgrade) to safely install a new EV charger.

- **Key Benefit:** HEAR provides rebates for **high-efficiency electric appliance upgrades and necessary electrical panel upgrades.**
- **Eligibility Check:** Rebates are currently available to **single-family dwellings** through registered contractors. This can often be combined with other incentives.

#### HEAR Income Requirements and Rebate Tiers

The level of funding you can receive depends on your household's income relative to the Area Median Income (AMI):

Income Tier	Income Limit (Based on Area Median Income or AMI)	Rebate Amount Coverage (for panel upgrade)
Lower Income	Below 80% AMI	Up to <b>100%</b> of the project cost, up to a maximum of <b>\$4,000</b> for service/panel upgrades.
Middle Income	80% to 150% AMI	Up to <b>50%</b> of the project cost, up to the maximum rebate amount.

- **Contact for Questions:** If you have questions about the HEAR rebate, please email [hearrabates@energyoffice.com](mailto:hearrabates@energyoffice.com).
- **Learn More:** [Colorado Energy Office - HEAR](#)

We're here to help you get powered up! Don't hesitate to reach out if you need assistance at any point during the qualification steps.