



## How SCEIP Financing Works

Participation in SCEIP financing is completely voluntary and available to both residential and non-residential property owners in Sonoma County.

The minimum amount of financing is \$2,500. The financed amount becomes an assessment attached to the property, not the owner, and is paid back through the property tax system over a term of 10 or 20 years with a 7 percent simple interest rate.

## SCEIP - Eligible Improvements

There are more than 90 eligible improvements for energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable generation.

These improvements include: air sealing, insulation, duct sealing, heating/cooling systems, solar electric and hot water systems, water conservation measures, window replacement, lighting and control systems, and cool roofs.

If you have developed an idea involving a process or equipment not currently on the eligible improvements list, you may apply for a custom improvement.

Improvements financed through SCEIP must be permanently affixed to real property. Improvements must be made to existing buildings; new construction does not qualify.

## Benefits of SCEIP Financing

### For Residential Property Owners

- Potential for lower electric, gas and water utility bills
- Improved indoor air quality and comfort
- Improvements can be made with low up-front costs
- Tax benefits: PACE assessments do not hinder ability to claim energy tax credits and deductions
- Improvements funded through PACE may increase property value
- Contractors are vetted to ensure consumer protection

### For Commercial Property Owners

- Property assessment preserves capital for core business investments
- May reduce tenant turnover as a result of more comfortable and healthy indoor environment
- Improvement costs and benefits align under most lease structures (e.g. property tax pass-through)

### For the Community and the Environment

- Increased energy efficiency and renewable generation lowers GHG emissions and reduces dependence on fossil fuels
- Employing local contractors provides investment in and strengthens our local economy
- Upgrading your property creates new jobs in the Sonoma County building industry
- Higher demand for energy efficiency drives technological advancements in building performance and renewable energy research and development

## How to Apply for SCEIP Financing

1. Consider having an energy audit performed on your property to identify the improvements that would benefit you most.
2. Solicit bids from local licensed contractors to determine the cost and necessary permits to install the proposed improvements.
3. Hire your contractor and apply for SCEIP financing online at [www.sonomacountyenergy.org](http://www.sonomacountyenergy.org).
4. Upon approval of your application, you will be notified to proceed with having your improvements completed.
5. Submit final documentation (finalized permit; invoices showing all costs, less rebate amounts) to SCEIP.

For additional information please call our office at [\(707\) 565-6470](tel:7075656470).

## What is it about for you?



For us, it was about thermostat wars:  
“Our home is comfortable year round... plus, it reduced our energy bills and consumption by over 50%.”

- Tiffany and Scott Bagala, Santa Rosa

# History of SCEIP & PACE Financing

In July of 2008, California Assembly Bill 811 was signed into law, establishing contractual assessments to finance the installation of energy efficiency, water conservation and renewable energy generation improvements.

The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) is administered through the County of Sonoma. Launched in March 2009, it is the first countywide municipal program of its kind to provide residential and non-residential Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing.

Sonoma County and each of its incorporated cities and towns have established a goal to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2015. SCEIP is a key element in achieving GHG reduction and water conservation goals.



For us, it was about doing it right the first time:  
“We had no idea how much of an impact it would have on our quality of life.”

- Abigail Smyth & Bradford Rex, Petaluma

# Why Upgrade Now?

- LOWER INVESTMENT COST – rebates and incentives will make your home improvements more affordable.
- LOWER UTILITY BILLS – reducing the amount of energy and water used in your home can potentially reduce monthly utility bills.
- INCREASE COMFORT – a well-sealed and insulated house stays warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.
- IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY – proper ventilation and non-toxic materials can reduce indoor air pollution.
- REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT – by improving your home’s efficiency, you can directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.
- HELP YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY – working with local contractors supports small businesses and creates jobs.

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A local alternative to start your savings now!

Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing in Sonoma County

