

Contractor Manual

GoGreen Home Energy Financing Program

Administered by the State of California

Supported by California's Investor-Owned Utilities (IOUs)

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GoGreen Financing

GoGreen is administered by the California Alternative Energy and Advanced Transportation Financing Authority (CAEATFA).

In partnership with California's investor-owned utilities (IOUs) and the California Energy Commission, GoGreen Financing makes attractive financing more widely available for home energy improvements.





With the support of:



GoGreen Home Supports California's Building Decarbonization Goals

- Decarbonizing buildings (reducing or eliminating their greenhouse gas emissions) is a key strategy for meeting California's long-term climate goals*.
- GoGreen Home supports California's decarbonization goals by helping customers:
- Reduce the amount of energy needed in buildings through energy efficiency and clean energy upgrades
- Finance Heat Pump HVACs and Heat Pump Water Heaters and other electric alternatives to gaspowered equipment, as well as Solar PV and Battery Storage
 - Related costs such as electric panel upgrades, water heater relocation, etc. can also be financed





By transferring heat rather than creating it, heat pumps deliver hot water **3-4 times more efficiently** than conventional water heaters.

- Heat pump pulls warmth from the air.
- 2 Warm air is compressed, increasing its temperature.

Condenser coils transfer heat to the water.

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Why is Financing Important?

Financing allows contractors to sell jobs based on monthly payments and budget impact, rather than total project cost.

- Nationwide, 75% of energy improvement projects over \$10,000 and 90% of projects over \$15,000 are financed.
- Energy projects using financing tend to have deeper energy savings and greater scopes of work.
- Financing can be used in conjunction with (or as an alternative to) utility rebates.



Benefits for Everyone



Contractor Benefits

- No Dealer fees
- Access to more competitive rates and terms helps contractors increase average closing rates by ~20%
- Payment is issued directly to Contractors within 48 hours of project completion
- Accomplish deeper retrofits and larger scopes of work

Customer Benefits

- Unsecured loans, property not used as collateral (no lien)
- Low interest rates and terms up to 15 years (20 years for solar PV + battery storage projects) make monthly payments more affordable
- Large amounts of capital available (\$50,000 per unit, up to 4 units (\$75,000 for solar PV + battery storage projects)
- Broad range of credit scores approved (as low as 580)
- Flexible scopes of work (**30% of loan can be used for non**energy measures)
- \$0 closing costs or maintenance fees
- Can be paired with utility rebates

See How Your Customers Can Benefit from GoGreen Home

Major energy upgrades are made possible with GoGreen Home lenders' exceptional rates and terms. Layer financing with utility rebates to boost savings even more.

Example project:

Item		Cost	Monthly Payments
Unitary Heat Pump (18 SEER) + Wall Repair & Electrical Panel Upgrade	Wall repair & panel upgrade are practical necessities and can be financed through GoGreen Home	\$18,000	Without GoGreen Home or rebates 12.88% int, 60 mos, \$22,000
Duct Sealing	Eligible GoGreen Home measure	\$1,500	\$499
Painting	GoGreen Homes allows up to 30% of loan to go to non-energy measures	\$2,500	With GoGreen Home <u>5.38% int, 120 mos, \$22,000</u>
Total Project Cost		\$22,000	\$237

Monthly payment cut nearly in half and \$1,458 in interest saved

How does GoGreen Home help Californians save energy?



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Difference Between GoGreen Home & PACE

GoGreen Home is <u>not</u> a type of PACE product and is different from PACE programs (HERO, California First, yGrene, etc.) in a few key ways.

Similarities

- Both allow property owners to finance the up-front cost of energy and other eligible improvements on a property and pay the costs back over time
- Both can be utilized without large, upfront cash payments

Differences

- PACE financing places a lien on the property and is paid back via the property tax bill while ...
- ... GoGreen Home loans are unsecured; there is no lien placed on the property. GoGreen Home loans are paid back directly to the lender, typically monthly
- GoGreen Home can be utilized by renters; PACE is limited to property owners

Participating Lenders & Available Products

Min. Credit Score:



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 Term Length:

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*Terms vary by lender; this table represents the ranges of all potential product terms.

580 for some lenders

Up to 15 years (20 years for Solar PV + Battery Storage)

Contractor Participation Requirements

- ✓ Contractors State License Board (CSLB) license relevant to work performed
- ✓ No outstanding judgments or liens. No CSLB disciplinary actions within the previous year
- ✓ Commercial general liability insurance coverage (\$1,000,000 per occurrence)
- Comply with all GoGreen Home program rules, measure efficiency requirements (ENERGY STAR when required) and safety testing
- Completed GoGreen Home program training

Ongoing eligibility requirements:

✓ All projects must meet the terms of Title 24, local building codes, and local permitting requirements

Boost Your Visibility with GoGreen Home

Get recognized as a Participating Contractor on the GoGreen Financing website

- Public listing features your contact information, website, service area, services, and languages spoken
- Take advantage of a statewide marketing campaign driving customers to GoGreen Home
- Request a bilingual co-branded flyer
- Add the GoGreen Financing logo to your website



<u>GoGreenFinancing.com/ContractorFinder</u>

Getting Approved for the GoGreen Home Program



Complete the Contractor Application https://contractorsgogreen.com/gogreenprogram-application/



Complete an GoGreen Home Training, available on-demand at <u>https://cheef.talentlms.com/</u>



Part 1: Takeaways

Why GoGreen Home, and How to Join

- 1. GoGreen Home is a good option for customers who don't want a lien on their property.
- 2. A broad range of borrowers can qualify for GoGreen Home and access up to \$50,000 in unsecured financing with term lengths up to 15 years (up to \$75,000 and 20 years for a bundled solar PV + battery storage project).
- 3. Participating Contractors in the program must follow program rules, comply with local codes, have active license(s), and meet insurance requirements.
- 4. If you have not already, complete your entry to the GoGreen Home program by submitting an online application (have proof of insurance ready for upload) after completing this training.

Find the application at GoGreenFinancing.com/ResidentialContractors

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A GoGreen Home Loan Must Meet Eligibility Requirements for:



Borrower Eligibility Requirements

- Property owner, or tenant with owner's written permission for measures which aren't eligible for self-install
- Credit score meets lender requirements; some allow scores as low as 580
- Borrowers with no credit scores *and* no derogatory credit reports are eligible
- Debt to Income ratio of less than 55%



Lenders will check Borrower's credit and eligibility when the Borrower applies for the loan. Lenders may have additional underwriting requirements beyond what GoGreen Home requires. The final credit approval decision is made by the lender.

Property Eligibility Requirements

- Residential Property
 - ✓ Single Family Home
 - ✓ Townhome
 - Condominium

- Duplex/triplex/fourplex
- Manufactured Home with permanent, site-built foundation
- Some lenders limit financing to a single unit
- Must receive gas or electric service from a "Big 4" Investor-Owned Utility (IOU), CCA, ESP, <u>or</u> a Publicly Owned Utility (POU). Customers of Peninsula Clean Energy or MCE who receive their bill from PG&E are also eligible.

Important: Not all measures are eligible to be installed in every jurisdiction

California's Big 4 IOUs:



Eligible Energy Measures (EEMs)

- ✓ Air Sealing
- ✓ Appliances
- ✓ Cool Roofs
- ✓ Duct Sealing
- ✓ HVAC/Heat Pump
- Insulation
- ✓ Windows

- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Pool Pumps
- Solar PV + Battery Storage (bundled)
- Water Heaters, including tankless, solar thermal, and heat pumps

...and More



Eligible measures are listed on the EEMs list:

www.treasurer.ca.gov/caeatfa/cheef/reel/resources/reel_eeemsList.pdf

The EEMs List

All eligible measures can be found on the EEMs list.

• The EEMs list can be searched by the measure name, measure category, and utility requirements for where the measure can be installed



Questions? gogreen@egia.org

All EEMs must be installed in compliance with Title 20/24, which can vary based on climate zone; some have additional efficiency requirements such as ENERGY STAR

- The EEMs list indicates which measures can be selfinstalled and which require professional install by a contractor
- A measure which is not on the EEMs list but qualifies for an IOU/REN/CCA energy efficiency or demand response program (e.g. a rebate program) is eligible

Eligible Energy Measures (EEMs) GoGreen Home Energy Financing

		= PGE, SCE, S = SMUD, LAI		
Measure Name Program Requirements	SI	IOU	POU only	Measure ID
Appliance Measures				
Air Cleaner/Purifier ENERGY STAR	√	✓	✓	AP-ACLN
Clothes Dryer (Electric) ENERGY STAR	\checkmark	✓	✓	AP-DRYE
Clothes Dryer (Gas) ENERGY STAR	√	✓		AP-DRYG
Clothes Dryer with Heat Pump (Electric) ENERGY STAR	√	✓	 ✓ 	AP-DRYH
Clothes Washer ENERGY STAR	√	√		AP-WASH

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Additional Solar/Storage Training

gogreen@egia.org Phone: 888-987-3443

If you are a Contractor planning on installing Solar and/or Battery Storage EEMs, there is a short 5-minute supplemental video that you are required to watch before you commence projects.

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Project Eligibility Requirements and the 70/30 Split

At least 70%

Eligible Measures

- On the <u>EEMs list</u>
- Total cost may include practically necessary construction (installation, patching, enclosures or fire detection systems for batteries, or painting, etc.) or legal requirements to install the measures (permits, combustion safety testing, etc.)

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Maximum project cost per unit: \$50,000 (\$75,000 if the project includes the bundled Solar PV + Battery Storage EEM)

Up to 30%

Additional Related Home Improvements

- Cabinets, fixtures, water efficiency measures, etc.
- Can be self-installed or installed by a non-GoGreen Home contractor
- Can include gas-designated EEMs when electricity is provided by an IOU but gas is provided by a non-IOU utility (e.g. Long Beach Utilities)
- Cannot include a less efficient version of an EEM (e.g. non-ENERGY STAR Refrigerator)

Sample Loan: EEMs, Legally & Practically Necessary Alterations, Additional Related Improvements

Context: This property receives gas from SoCalGas, and electricity from LADWP, a public utility provider.

ltem		Cost	
Mini Split Heat Pump + Wall Repair	Wall Repair is a practically necessary alteration	\$3,000	
Attic Insulation		\$1,500	→ 70% (\$7,000)
Duct Sealing	Combustion safety testing is necessary due to duct sealing and presence of a combustion appliance in the home	\$2,500	
Landscaping	Additional related improvement; not an EEEM	\$3,000	→ 30% (\$3,000)
Total Project Cost		\$10,000	

Combustion Appliance Safety Testing

Depending on several conditions, combustion appliance safety tests may be required for your project.

Combustion safety tests verify that atmospherically vented combustible appliances are working properly and not venting dangerous gases, such as carbon monoxide, in the living space.

There are two common standard combustion appliance safety tests:

- Combustion Appliance Zone (CAZ)/Combustion Appliance Safety (CAS) Tests
- Natural Gas Appliance Test (NGAT)

Note: Home Energy Rating System (HERS) testing does NOT count as a safety test!

About Atmospherically Vented Combustion Appliances

An atmospherically-vented, or natural draft, combustion appliance draws air for combustion from the inside of the home and relies upon the draft of warm air rising up a flue to carry dangerous combustion gases out of the home.

Commonly labelled as *Category I* on the manufacturer's nameplate.

Combustion Appliance Safety Testing Requirements

The following two project conditions trigger combustion safety tests:

- The project includes either whole building air sealing AND/OR duct sealing or duct "optimization" EEMs (These EEMs are flagged on the EEMs list as triggering safety testing)
 AND
- An atmospherically-vented combustion appliance is present within the sealed building envelope
 - Note: a gas range is not generally considered an atmospherically-vented combustion appliance. However, CAEATFA recommends that contractors test gas ranges for excess carbon monoxide if a project includes either air sealing and/or duct sealing EEMs.

A safety test must be performed by someone who meets one of the following prerequisites:

- 1. Approved to participate in a Home Upgrade or Advanced Home Upgrade Program
- 2. BPI Certified
- 3. Certified and proficient in accepted standards for combustion safety and ventilation testing, such as Natural Gas Appliance Testing (NGAT)

Test results will be requested during project QAQC.

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Projects with Multiple Contractors

GoGreen Home allows multiple contractors to work on a single project.

Each contractor sign and submit their Certificate of Completion; there is a process for linking a sub-Contractor to a measure in the GoGreen Home Portal.

In the event neither contractor serves as the "General," The contractor who installed any of the triggering measures (duct sealing or air sealing) shall arrange for the safety test, unless otherwise agreed upon by the contractor.

Note: Most lenders are unable to issue payment to either party until the entire scope of the project is complete. Talk to the lender about options in this situation.



Permitting Requirements

The GoGreen Home Program takes local permitting requirements seriously. Permits are important to protect consumer safety and their investments in their property.

Contractors must:

- Comply with the local jurisdiction's permit requirements
- Close permits after installation
- Provide a copy within 2 weeks of request
 - If the homeowner closed the permit, let us know
 - For Solar PV and Battery Storage projects, the closed permit must be provided in order to receive payment

Failure to comply with local permitting requirements will impact your standing with the program.



Quality Assurance & Quality Control

GoGreen Home projects are subject to Quality Assurance (QA) and Quality Control (QC) processes

- The QA/QC team reviews funded loans for consistency with program regulations
- Non-compliant projects will trigger additional training and follow up to correct the issue, if possible, and ensure compliance on future projects

Please work with the QA/QC team if contacted about your project. Failure to do so may impact your program status.



Paperwork Audits & Inspections

- All projects are subject to a "desk" audit (paperwork audit), which confirms:
 - Permit closure (if applicable)
 - Safety test conducted and passed (if applicable)
 - "Permission to Operate" documents for Solar PV and Battery Storage projects
 - Submitted documentation is complete and accurate
 - EEMs and other alterations on invoice comply with program rules
- Projects will be randomly selected for visual inspections:
 - May be conducted within one year of enrolling the loan
 - The Inspector may ask to compare the contractor's invoice to the GoGreen Home invoice
 - Borrower will be notified at least 10 business days prior to inspection

The more projects you do with successful inspections, the fewer inspections we will do!

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Follow the Rules

Contractors may be removed from the GoGreen Home Program for:

- Installing measures without the proper CSLB license classification
- Failure to secure closed permits as required by the local building department
- Failure to conduct safety testing as required by program
- Misleading claims; fraudulent or deceitful conduct in the sale or installation of measures
- Non-compliance or violation of the GoGreen Home Program regulations

Part 2: Takeaways

Five areas of eligibility for GoGreen Home projects

- **Borrower**: Minimum credit score of 580
- **Property**: Residential property serviced by an IOU (PG&E, SCG, SCE, or SDG&E) or City of Palo Alto Utilities (CPAU); borrowers may upgrade up to 4 units.
 - Cool Roofs, EV Chargers, Solar PV and/or Battery Storage EEMs *only eligible* for customers receiving electricity from an IOU.
- **EEMs**: Measures must meet Title 24/Title 20 (or ENERGY STAR if applicable).
- **Project**: At least 70% of the loan proceeds must fund EEEMs and other necessary alterations like the costs of permits, patching, pouring concrete slabs, etc.
- **QA/QC**: Secure proper permits, ensure all efficiency requirements and perform Combustion Appliance Safety Tests when required by the program.

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The Lender / Borrower / Contractor Relationship

Currently, all GoGreen Home lenders use a direct lending platform.

This means GoGreen Home contractors are not involved in Loan/Credit Approval discussions.

Some lenders may accept a signed <u>borrower consent form</u> allowing the lender to directly communicate with the contractor about the project.


Discuss Credit Approval

- 1. Introduce the GoGreen Home Program as a financing option
 - GoGreenFinancing.com/Residential
- 2. Provide the customer with program resources:
 - Program flyer
 - Bill Impact Estimate (BIE)
 - Lender Chart
- 3. Show customer how to apply for credit approval with their selected lender



Bill Impact Estimate

It is a program requirement to present a Bill Impact Estimate to your customer before beginning the project.

You have two options:

- 1. You can create an estimate using energy modeling software *or*
- 2. Use GoGreen Home's Bill Impact Estimate (BIE)
 - Download the BIE and find other resources from the Contractor Resources page: <u>GoGreenFinancing.com/ResidentialContractors</u>



I Impact Estimate - Residential Customers

The following list identifies common energy efficiency upgrades as well as their estimated annual energy and bill savings. These estimates are for informational purposes only, actual savings may vary. The data rovided below is a statewide average, and does not reflect your climate zone or utility provider.

While energy efficiency improvements made to your home are designed to reduce your energy costs, they may not always result in lower monthly energy costs over time based on additional factors (e.g. rates, behavior) that contribute to monthly energy costs. Actual savings may vary, and any and all such savings projections provided are informational only.

Category	Measure	Specification	Annual kWh	Annual Therm	Annual Bill Savings Estimate	
			Savings	Savings	Electric	Gas
Appliances	Clothes Washer	ENERGY STAR Clothes Washer, Top		222 N/A		N/A
Appliances	Refrigerator	ENERGY STAR Refrigerator: Side Mount Freezer without through-the- door ice	151	N/A	\$24 - \$39	N/A
Building Envelope	Attic Insulation	Add R-38 attic insulation	1,263	146	\$205 - \$326	\$187 - \$253
Building Envelope	Cool Roof	Cool roof with 50% solar reflectance replacing 1700 so ft flat, black roof	1,083	N/A	\$176 - \$279	N/A
Building Envelope	Wall Insulation	Wall Blow-In R-0 to R-13 Insulation with weighted average HVAC type	550	198	\$89 - \$142	\$253 - \$342
Building Envelope	Windows	ENERGY STAR 2-pane, LSG Low-E, non-metal and improved frame, U- factor 0.23-0.30, SHGC <= 0.25	1,608	128	\$261 - \$415	\$164 - \$221
HVAC	Central Air Conditioner	3 tons, 20 SEER, 2-speed fan	436	N/A	\$71 - \$112	N/A
HVAC	Evaporative Cooler	Direct-Indirect Evaporative Cooler	932	N/A	\$151 - \$240	N/A
HVAC	Gas Furnace	Efficient Residential Gas Furnace - AFUE 96	N/A	20	N/A	\$25 - \$34
HVAC	Heat Pump	3 tons, 17 SEER, two-speed fan	582	N/A	\$94 - \$150	N/A
HVAC	Mini Split Air Conditioning System	3 tons, 20 SEER	314	N/A	\$51 - \$81	N/A
Water Heating	Heat Pump Water Heater	Efficient water heater: 50-gallon electric heat pump water heater (UEF = 3.31) replaces code/standard S0-gallon medium-draw electric storage water heater (UEF = 0.92)	1,902	N/A	\$308 - \$490	N/A
Water Heating	Tank Storage Water Heater	Efficient water heater: 50-gallon medium-draw gas storage water heater (UEF = 0.64) replaces standard/code 50-gallon medium- draw gas storage water heater (UEF= 0.56)	N/A	25	N/A	\$32 - \$43
Water Heating	Tankless Water Heater	Efficient residential water heater: Instantaneous Gas water heater (UEF=0.87) replaces 40-gallon gas water heater Old electric to new electric tankless?		52	N/A	\$67 - \$91

Credit Approval

- Your **customer will apply for a loan** directly with one of the GoGreen Home lenders
- Lenders usually provide **credit approval** within 24 hours
- Once the customer or lender tells you they have been approved for financing, you can begin entering project data into the GoGreen Home portal



The Project Enrollment Process



- There are **nine Stages** to enrolling a project to GoGreen Home in the GoGreen Portal, requiring interaction by Contractors, Lenders, and the GoGreen Home Team at various points
- Contractors only enter data at two Stages: Stage 1 ("Draft") and Stage 6 ("Pending Completion")
- Other Stages are for Lenders and the GoGreen Home Team to enter, review, and approve data



If working with Travis Credit Union, reach out to them for their project submission process.





Contractor provides Bill Impact Estimate to Borrower and enters the Scope of Work (SOW) into the GoGreen Home Portal including:

- Borrower name, address, and email
- Utility bill information*
- EEMs and costs
- Lender information

*Utility bill may be uploaded by Borrower.

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Upon project completion, **Contractor** signs Contractor Certificate of Completion in the Portal.

If applicable, Contractor also ...

- Conducts CAS/CAZ testing
- Uploads closed permits to Portal
- Uploads proof of Solar/Battery Interconnection Application to Portal

Borrower signs Customer Certificate of Completion.

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Contractor sends Privacy Disclosure to Borrower for signature through the Portal.

GoGreen Home Team approves SOW.

Lender enters loan preapproval information.

Contractor receives Portal notification to pull permits, fill out Solar/Battery Interconnection Application if needed, and begin the project.

GoGreen Home Team reviews and gives final approval.

Portal notifies **Lender** to enter remaining loan details, originate the loan, and to change job status to "In Repayment."

Lender disburses payment to contractor(s)* within 48 hours.

*For projects with multiple contractors, please note that the lender may not be able to fund the loan until all contractors have completed their portion of the project. Please check <u>www.GoGreenFinancing.com</u> periodically for updated versions of this manual

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Part 3: Takeaways

Required Forms

Contractors must use the portal to:

- Submit project and property data (Including closed permits and evidence of Interconnection Application(s) for solar and battery projects)
- Certify the completion of their projects
- Capture Borrower signatures for a Privacy Release and a completion certification
- Work with the Borrower to upload their recent gas and electricity bills

Remember: the GoGreen Home team may request copies of closed permits and combustion appliance safety test results from you as a part of random post-project Quality Assurance checks.

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The GoGreen Home Portal

- Submit project and property information to the Program
- Discuss projects with the GoGreen Home Team and/or the Lender directly within the system
- Get full clarity as to the status of every project throughout the process
- No more paper forms and spreadsheets

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#100018	Awaiting Customer Action	Kelly Delaney	9050 P Street	\$19,000.00	7/22/2024 04:59 PM PDT	
#100017	Awaiting Customer Action	Kelly Delaney	9030 P Street	\$17,000.00	7/22/2024 03:53 PM PDT	
#100004	Loan Closing	James Bill	1241 Test Street	\$11,000.00	7/22/2024 02:55 PM PDT	
#100014	Pending Completion	Yeta Notherloan	8873 Anona Way	\$21,500.00	7/22/2024 02:20 PM PDT	
#100012	Completed	Jackson Stewart	2913 Glass Castle Road	\$7,000.00	7/22/2024 10:02 AM PDT	
#100011	Loan Preapproval	Nada Notherone	11223 Wandera Way	\$29,000.00	7/22/2024 09:39 AM PDT	

IMPORTANT: This is not a Loan Application Portal. Your Customer still needs to apply for a loan directly with the Lenders on their own websites.

Creating Your Account

- Only Contractors that have enrolled in GoGreen Home can apply for Portal Access.
- Fill in:
 - Contractor Information
 - Contractor Profile: Your business name, address and contact information
 - User Account: Create your personal User Account
 - GoGreen Home Program Information
 - Confirm you are applying for GoGreen Home
- We will review your application, confirm active enrollment, and then authorize your account within 1 to 2 business days.

Enrolling a Project



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Submitting a Project

What to have ready before you start to submit a project:

- The name of the Borrower's Gas and Electricity provider(s)
- The name of the Lender the Borrower is preapproved with
- The Borrower's email address
- The project address
- The total project cost and the total financed amount approved by the Lender, if different



NOTE: You should only enter project data into the Portal once your customer has been approved by the Lender.

Alternatives to Utility Bills

Most Customers can provide a copy of a current utility bill(s) demonstrating electric and/or gas delivery to the property. These can be uploaded as PDFs or image files and must contain the following information:

- Account number and service address must be clearly legible
- Bill must be dated within 90 days of the first credit approval
- However, in some cases, a utility bill may not be available. There are three alternative options:
- Letter of confirmation from utility establishing service at the property
- Evidence that the property is served by a master meter in a mobile home park
- Certification of service by a Contractor that meets either of the two requirements:
 - Contractor is an Implementer for a utility energy efficiency program that the Borrower is receiving fuel delivered by that utility
 - Contractor can show evidence that customer utility account data has been validated through a thirdparty digital authentication

What Happens After Project Submission?

Once you submit a Job record:

- The GoGreen Home Team will begin reviewing the project scope, costs, utilities and documentation.
- If there are any errors, the GoGreen Home Team will return the record to you for correction and notify you. Keep an eye on the Discussion tab!
- If the submission complies with GoGreen Home rules, the record will be sent to the Lender to add some initial loan details.
- When the Lender finalizes their data, you will receive an automated email notification alerting you to begin the project.



What if Project Scopes or Costs Change Throughout the Project?

Sometimes costs change after a project draft has been submitted. A Contractor may discover issues that require remediation, or a Borrower may decide on an addition or a change to the project scope.

If the change results in an increased project cost, the Borrower should work directly with the Lender to confirm eligibility.

To make changes to the project record in the Portal, Lenders and Contractors should communicate with the GoGreen Home Team about the change using the Discussion tab of the Job record. The GoGreen Home Team will then go in and change the project scope manually for the Contractor.



Loan Closing

Once the Contractor and the Borrower have both signed their Certificates of Completion:

- The GoGreen Home Team will review the submitted Completion Documentation.
- If there are any errors, the GoGreen Home Team will reach out to you to resolve the error or request additional documentation.
- If the documentation complies with GoGreen Home rules, the Lender will be signaled to close the loan.
- Final payment to the Contractor depends on how quickly the Borrower signs the loan documents; most Lenders will cut and mail a check within 48 hours of loan closure.
- The Job status will convert to Completed. If you have not heard from the Lender about payment, please reach out to them.



Portal Resources for Contractors



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GoGreen Home Portal Contractor User Manual

What is the GoGreen Home Portal?

The GoGreen Home Portal is the tool through which you will submit project and property data for review and enrollment. This User Manual covers how to navigate the Portal and submit projects (known as "lobs" in the Portal).

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GoGreen Home Portal

How to Create a Contractor Account & Add Users

Getting Started - Enroll in GoGreen Home

You must be enrolled in GoGreen Home to use the GoGreen Home Portal. For more information about enrolling in GoGreen Home, please visit this page: <u>gogreenfinancing.com/partners/contractor</u>: <u>partners/home/</u>

How to Log On

Follow this link to create your account and log on: https://gogreenportal.treasurer.ca.gov/users/sign_in

Creating Your User Account

Note: Only create a Contractor Account once for your company. To add new users, your company's GoGreen Home Portal Account Administrators (the person who creates the account and/or users who are designated as Administrators) must log in and add them.

1. At the log in page, click New Contractor? Sign up here.



- bottom of the page.
- At the Step 2 New User Account page, fill in all required fields and then click Create My Account and Contractor Profile at the bottom of the page.
- The next page is the Programs page. Click Apply to Program to link your account with GoGreen Home.

How to Create Accounts and Users

PART 1 – PROGRAM OVERVIEW PART 2 – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS PART 3 – THE PROCESS PART 4 – PROJECT PORTAL PART 5 – GETTING STARTED

How to Integrate Financing into Your Sales Process

When should you offer financing? Every time!

Speak to customer's goals and values:

- Enjoy financial flexibility and control with long term, low payment options
- Maximize energy savings/environmental footprint reduction with larger, more comprehensive projects
- (Depending on project scope) potentially align monthly energy savings with monthly payments

Don't over-promise: remember that it's ultimately up to the Lenders to decide the customer is credit-worthy.

GoGreenFinancing.com/Residential

The GoGreen Financing website can help you:

- Explain benefits of the GoGreen Home Program to your customers
- Answer frequently asked questions
- Showcase yourself as a GoGreen Home Participating Contractor
- Introduce lenders and their GoGreen Home financing products



Program Resources: Where to Download

GoGreenFinancing.com > Partner Resources > Contractors Partners > Residential

Project forms

Impact Estimate

Marketing resources

PowerPoint, and flyer

Program tools including

the Lender Chart and Bill

including Talking Points, a

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Flyer and Co-Branded Collateral



- Great leave-behind for customers
- Email gogreen@egia.org
 - Include your logo
 - Collateral will include:
 - Website
 - Email Address
 - Phone Number
- **contact info!** You will receive PDFs in both English and Spanish

GoGreen Home Lender Chart

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	LENDING AREA	APR1 (10/01/2023) LOAN SIZE	MINIMUM CREDIT SCORE	PRE-APPROVAL	CONTACT INFO
STATEWIDE LENDERS	Available to borrowers in:				
COAST SIN	Anywhere in California	3.98% - 5.48% ³ \$2,500 - \$50,000 Terms beyond 30 months: 4.38% - 7.88%	600	Instant pre-approval for qualified borrowers (up to \$25,000)	(858) 495-1637 CCCU Energy Grou Ray, Zak, Bill & Kat energy@calcoastcu
Matadors Community Credit Union	Anywhere in California	4.99% \$2,500 - \$50,000 Terms beyond 60 months: 5.99% - 6.99%	580	Within one business day	(818) 993-6328, # MCCU Consumer Ler energy@matadors.
REGIONAL LENDERS	Available to borrowers in:				
DESERT VALLEYS	Indian Wells Valleys, Searles Valley, Kern River Valley, Bishop, Barstow, and parts of Kern and Inyo counties Valley	6.00% - 9.00% \$2,500 - \$50,000 Terms beyond 60 months: 7.00% - 10.00%	580	Within one business day	(866) 743-6497 Eric Bruen REEL@desertvalley:
diablo valley ward with any	Central Contra Costa County	3.75% - 7.99% \$2,500 - \$50,000 Terms beyand 60 months: 4.75% - 8.99%	580	Within one business day	(800) 375-6077 John, Maria & Naqi gogreen@diablovalley
Community Credit Union	Sacramento, Placer, Nevada, El Dorado, Arnador, Yuba, Yolo, Sutter, San Joaquin, Solano, Sierra, and Contra Costa counties ³	3.95% - 5.95% \$2,500 - \$50,000 Terms beyond 36 months: 4.75% - 8.75%	580	Within one business day	(800) 556-6768 x20 First US Consumer Le energy@firstus.or
my SFCU	Pasadena, Covina, Vernon, and the greater San Gabriel Valley	4.99% - 7.49% \$2,500 - \$30,000 Terms beyond 60 months: 5.99% - 8.10%	600	Within one business day	(626) 351-9651 PSFCU Lending lending@mypsfcu.
TRAVIS CREDIT UNION	Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Merced, Napa, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, and Yolo counties	3.99% - 7.99% \$1,000 - \$50,000 Terms beyond 48 months: 4.99% - 8.99%	600	Instant pre-approval for qualified borrowers	(707) 392-9277 Carla Eaton ceaton@traviscu.e
alley Oak	Tulare County and Madera County*	5.62% - 8.12% \$1,500 - \$50,000	580	Within one business day	(559) 688-5996 x23 Kiersty Vaughar

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"GoGreen Home lenders offer exceptional interest rates and extended terms for energy efficiency projects."

Your Contractor Liaison

- Provides additional support with GoGreen Home program questions
- Helps you utilize program tools and resources
- Walks you through your first few project approvals and how to work with GoGreen Home lenders
- Teaches you how to present financing and GoGreen Home product options to your customers
- Works to ensure your project is compliant with program regulations

You will be contacted by your personal Account Manager within a week of your program approval.



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Participation Expectations

Contractors should try to stay active with GoGreen Home after enrollment.

It's important that customers are only presented with actively participating contractors on our Contractor search webpage.

- Contractors are required to complete one project each year to remain listed on the website
- Contractors who do not complete a project within a three-year period will be disenrolled from the Program (but you can always re-enroll again later!)
- GoGreen Home will make multiple attempts to connect and reaffirm your interest in remaining listed/enrolled



How Can We Help You?

Contact EGIA for assistance, including:

- How to get started with your first project
- Project eligibility questions
- Co-branded collateral & marketing support
- Assistance with using the GoGreen Home Portal and required documents
- Questions about the EEMs list

GoGreenFinancing.com offers self-help, including:

- Application to the program
- Project eligibility checklist
- Lender chart and financing options
- Customer marketing resources

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Next Steps to Getting Approved and Submitting Your First Project

If you haven't already, now is the time to complete the Contractor Application (have Proof of Insurance ready for upload) contractorsgogreen.com/gogreenprogram-application

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Ready to hit the ground running? Identify the lender(s) you want to work with. Find the most recent version of the Lender chart at GoGreenFinancing.com.



Thank you for helping Californians save energy and money, and for playing a key role in advancing the State's energy efficiency and decarbonization goals.

