



2026 Rebate Application

Compressed Air

Ready to get your rebate?

Follow these simple steps.

This application is for projects completed between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026. Pre-approval is not required for this prescriptive program. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more detailed information, refer to the Terms and Conditions included with this application.

Annual Member Rebate Cap

Annual member rebate caps apply. To learn more about the caps for your co-op, visit michigan-energy.org and select your cooperative for more information.

Step 1 Determine Eligibility

Equipment must be new (used equipment is not allowed) and installed in a commercial, industrial, or farm facility that is a MECA electric cooperative member, as well as meet minimum requirements set forth in this document. Projects must result in reduced electric energy usage due to improvement in the system efficiency. Equipment must operate a minimum of 1,500 hours per year unless otherwise specified. Applications with fewer hours may use the custom program. Rebates for prescriptive measures may not exceed 75 percent of the total project cost, unless otherwise specified.

Step 2 Install Equipment

After ensuring your project will qualify, purchase and install the equipment. New equipment must be installed and old equipment removed. Only new products that are exact product types listed in this form are eligible for prescriptive rebates.

Step 3 Submit Application

Application must be submitted with complete information within six months of project completion or by December 31, 2026, whichever is earlier. Application must include:

- An IRS Form W-9 for payee (or completed Section 5 on page 2 of this application).
- The entire completed application, including the completed rebate worksheets and the signed member information page.
- Itemized invoices from the installing contractor(s) and/or vendor(s) for the project. Invoices must include a separate line item for each rebate measure, as well as the date, quantity, unit cost, size, type, make, and model of installed items, and labor costs, if applicable.
- Specification/data sheets for all equipment for which an rebate is requested.

Step 4 Payment

Once completed paperwork is submitted, your final application will be reviewed and processed for payment. Rebate payments are usually mailed within six to eight weeks.

Submit your documents one of three ways:



SECTION 1: Co-op Member Information (please print)**2026 Energy Optimization Application**

Co-op Member Name (as shown on your electric utility bill):

Co-op Member Mailing Address: City: State: ZIP:

SECTION 2: Job Site Information

Job Site Name (if different than member name):	Project Contact Person Name:		
Project Contact Telephone: <input type="checkbox"/> Home/Office Number <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Number	Project Contact Email:		
Job Site Street Address (physical location):	City:	State:	ZIP:
Electric Utility Company at Job Site:	Electric Utility Acct #:	Project Completion Date:	
What is the predominant use of the building space where equipment was installed? (check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Office <input type="checkbox"/> Retail <input type="checkbox"/> Warehouse <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant <input type="checkbox"/> Grocery/Supermarket <input type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing <input type="checkbox"/> Lodging <input type="checkbox"/> School: K-12 <input type="checkbox"/> School: College <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare facility <input type="checkbox"/> Farm (commercial meter) <input type="checkbox"/> Farm (residential meter) <input type="checkbox"/> Other/Miscellaneous _____			

SECTION 3: Trade Ally (Contractor) Information

Trade Ally Name (or indicate if self install):	Trade Ally Contact Person Name:		
Trade Ally Telephone:	Contact Email:		
Trade Ally Mailing Address:	City:	State:	ZIP:

SECTION 4: Payee and Mailing Address

Make Rebate Check Payable to (payee): <input type="checkbox"/> Co-op Member <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord <input type="checkbox"/> Trade Ally or other third party (See <i>Third-Party Payees</i> section of Terms and Conditions for details.)			
Mail Check to: <input type="checkbox"/> Co-op Member Mailing Address (entered at top of this page) <input type="checkbox"/> Job Site Address <input type="checkbox"/> Payee W-9 Address <input type="checkbox"/> Alternate Pay Address (complete below)			
Alternate Pay Address (if checked above):	City:	State:	ZIP:
ONLY IF rebate is being made payable to a third-party landlord or trade ally per check box above, the co-op member must confirm this rebate reassignment arrangement by signing below: I, the co-op member, am authorizing reassignment of the rebate payment to the third-party payee named herein (in Section 5 below or payee IRS Form W-9), and I understand that I will not be receiving the rebate payment. I also understand that my release to a third-party does not exempt me from the program requirements outlined in the Terms and Conditions.			
Co-op Member Signature: <i>/s/</i>	Print Name:	Title:	Date:

SECTION 5: Payee IRS Form W-9 Information (Submit IRS Form W-9 for payee OR fill out this section completely - not both. This section may be omitted only if IRS Form W-9 for payee is submitted.)

Payee Legal Name (as shown on income tax return):	Payee Business Name (if different than payee legal name):		
Payee Legal Address:	City:	State:	ZIP:
Check the appropriate box for federal tax classification; check only one of the following seven boxes: <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/sole proprietor or single-member LLC <input type="checkbox"/> C Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> S Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Trust/estate <input type="checkbox"/> Other tax exempt organization or govt. agency <input type="checkbox"/> LLC - Enter the tax classification (C = C corporation, S = S corporation, P = partnership): _____ Note: For a single-member LLC that is disregarded, do not check LLC; check the appropriate box in the line above for the tax classification of the single-member owner.			
Payee Tax Identification Number (TIN) (Complete ONE only. Must match payee legal name above.) FEIN #: _____ - _____ - _____ OR SSN: _____ - _____ - _____			
Certification: The following certifications are required in order for this form to substitute for the IRS Form W-9. Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: 1. The payee's TIN is correct. 2. The payee is not subject to backup withholding due to failure to report interest and dividend income. 3. The payee is a U.S. citizen. The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.			
Payee Signature: <i>/s/</i>	Print Name:	Title:	Date:

SECTION 6: Co-op Member Signature (please read and sign)

The undersigned agrees that the stated energy-efficient measure(s) was (were) installed at the job site address listed above as part of the Energy Optimization program. I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions within this application. I agree to verification of equipment installation, which may include a site inspection by a program or utility representative. I understand that I am not allowed to receive more than one rebate from this program on any individual piece of equipment. I hereby agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and release the utility and program administrator from any actions or claims in regard to the installation, operation, and disposal of equipment (and related materials) covered herein, including liability from any incidental or consequential damages. To the best of my knowledge, the statements made on this application are complete, true, and correct, and I have submitted the appropriate supporting documentation to receive a rebate. I have elected to utilize electronic signatures. I understand and intend that a legal signature is formed by typing my name on this document. If any of the parties do not wish to sign this document electronically, all must opt out together and print a paper copy to sign manually.

Co-op Member Signature: <i>/s/</i>	Print Name:	Title:	Date:
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Measure	Rebate Per Unit	Quantity	Total Rebate
Variable Speed Drive (VSD) Air Compressor*			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of constant speed air compressor with rotary screw compressor controlled by a variable speed drive (VSD). Manufacturer specification sheet and/or CAGI sheet for new compressor must be submitted. Must be a new variable speed screw compressor and supply an air system that operates at least 2,000 hours per year to be eligible. Air compressors purchased or installed for backup or redundant systems do not qualify. For new VSD compressors only. Adding a VSD to an existing compressor does not qualify. Limited to one VSD compressor per compressed air system. System and demand conditions requiring the air compressor to be loaded constantly above 80 percent or constantly loaded below 30 percent are not eligible for this rebate, because these operating conditions may not realize savings from a VSD controlled compressor. 	\$100 per HP	Nominal horsepower of new compressor: _____	\$
Variable Displacement Air Compressor*			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For new variable displacement rotary-screw air compressor with minimum 50 horsepower replacing inlet modulated or load/no-load compressor. Compressors purchased or installed for backup or redundant systems are not eligible. 	\$35 per HP	Nominal horsepower of new compressor: _____	\$
Two-Stage Rotary Screw Air Compressor*			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two-stage rotary screw compressor installed instead of single-stage rotary screw compressor. Minimum 50 horsepower. <p>Indicate modulation method of new compressor (check one): <input type="checkbox"/> Inlet modulation <input type="checkbox"/> Variable speed drive <input type="checkbox"/> Variable displacement <input type="checkbox"/> Load/no-load</p>	\$20 per HP	Nominal horsepower of new compressor: _____	\$
Refrigerated Cycling Compressed Air Dryer Replacing Non-cycling*			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace a non-cycling refrigerated air dryer with a cycling refrigerated air dryer of equivalent capacity of one of the three types listed. The existing compressed air dryer must run exclusively in non-cycling mode. The new dryer cannot be equipped with a feature that allows it to run in a non-cycling mode. Air system must operate more than 2,000 hours per year to be eligible. 	Thermal Mass \$0.40 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
	Variable Speed \$2 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
	Digital Scroll \$2 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
Refrigerated Compressed Air Dryer Replacing Desiccant			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace a desiccant-type air dryer with a refrigerated air dryer of equivalent capacity. Air system must operate more than 2,000 hours per year to be eligible. Not eligible for new construction. 	\$4 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
Heat-of-Compression Air Dryer*			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste heat from oil-free air compressor used to regenerate desiccant dryer. Minimum 50 horsepower of connected air compressor(s). 	\$4 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
Page Subtotal			\$

* Eligible for new construction projects.

Measure	Rebate Per Unit	Quantity	Total Rebate
Blower Purge Desiccant Compressed Air Dryer Replacing Heatless Desiccant*	On variable speed drive (VSD) air compressor \$3.50 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
	On variable displacement air compressor \$3.50 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
	On load/no-load air compressor \$3.50 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
Dew Point Sensor Control for Desiccant Dryer*	\$5 per SCFM	SCFM of new dryer: _____	\$
Air Compressor Outdoor Air Intake*	\$8 per HP	Nominal horsepower of compressor: _____	\$
Low Pressure Drop Air Filter*	\$5 per HP	Nominal horsepower of connected compressor(s): _____	\$
Compressed Air Pressure Flow Controller*	\$5.50 per HP	Nominal horsepower of connected compressor(s): _____	\$
Zero Loss Condensate Drain*	\$150 per drain		\$
Electric Tool Replacing Pneumatic Air Tool	Electric Tool with Cord: \$100 each		\$
	Cordless Electric Tool: \$60 each		\$
Page Subtotal			\$

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Measure	Rebate Per Unit	Quantity	Total Rebate
Compressed Air Engineered Nozzle for Blow-off* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nozzle must replace simple open tube assembly connected to a compressed air system. Orifice size of open tube assembly being upgraded must be between 1/8 inch and 1/2 inch in diameter. Usage of the nozzle in machine-mounted applications must be 1,000 hours per year or greater. "Trigger time" usage in hand-held air gun applications must be 500 hours per year or greater. <p>Estimated annual hours of nozzle use for machine-mounted applications: _____ hours per year Estimated annual hours of nozzle use for hand-held air gun applications: _____ hours per year</p>	\$150 per nozzle or 100% of project cost, whichever is smaller	Qty of machine-mounted nozzles: _____ Qty of hand-held air gun nozzles: _____	\$
Compressed Air Replacement with Air Blowers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incentive is calculated as number of blowers x HP of blower x incentive per unit. Blower system must be replacing 80 psi or higher compressed air blow-off nozzles or pipes. Blowers must be used in a manufacturing production environment with greater than 1,000 hours of use per year. 	\$450 per blower HP	Blowers _____ HP of blower _____	\$

Measure	Specifications	Rebate Per Unit	Quantity	Total Rebate
Compressed Air Storage Tank* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the installation of compressed air storage tank to prevent short-cycling and/or reduce the need for compressor(s) to react to every demand event. Replacement of existing end of life storage tank with same size or smaller tank is not eligible. 	Existing: ≤ 1 gal/cfm to new ≥ 3 gal/cfm	\$50 / HP	Nominal HP of connected trim compressor _____	\$
	Existing: ≤ 3 gal/cfm to new ≥ 5 gal/cfm	\$25 / HP	Nominal HP of connected trim compressor _____	\$
	Existing: ≤ 5 gal/cfm to new ≥ 10 gal/cfm	\$25 / HP	Nominal HP of connected trim compressor _____	\$
Page Subtotal				\$

* Eligible for new construction projects.

Compressed Air System Energy Audit and Leak Reduction

Rebates are available for compressed air system leak detection and repair, or for compressed air energy audits with leak detection and repair.

- Applicant must choose one rebate or the other; they may not be combined.
- Rebate available no more than once in a 12-month period.
- Eligible compressed air systems must be electrically driven, have a rated capacity of at least 10 horsepower (excluding backup and non-production compressors), and have an annual runtime of at least 2,000 hours (excluding backup).
- Eligible projects qualify for the prescriptive dollar amount per combined installed horsepower (excluding backup or redundant), with a maximum rebate amount of \$10,000 or 100% of project cost, whichever is less. If the auditor is receiving the rebate payment, and the rebate covers 100% of the project cost, an invoice must be sent to the customer with line items showing the actual project cost, the utility rebate deduction, and a zero balance. A copy of the invoice must also be submitted with the rebate application.
- Leak detection and audit must be completed by an independent contractor chosen by the customer. Leaks may be repaired by either the contractor or customer.
- Submit evidence of the compressed air leaks and leak repairs utilizing a leak detection report spreadsheet detailing:
 - Date of inspection
 - Each leak location with description of the problem
 - Estimated size of leak by volume (SCFM)
 - Date repair completed
- Verify completed repairs with copies of repair tickets, itemized work orders, and/or photos.
- Submit a copy of an itemized invoice for material and labor.
- To qualify for either rebate, a minimum of 50% of leaks by CFM documented in leak detection report must be repaired.
- To qualify for the compressed air system energy audit rebate, the auditor must submit the following in addition to the leak detection report:
 - » Average annual hours of system operation
 - » Description of each air compressor, including full load CFM, full load kW, rated pressure, control mechanism, manufacturer, and model number.
 - » On-site data collection of system operation parameters including power, pressure and CFM for a minimum of seven (7) days.
 - » Written report presenting audit findings, including detailed recommendations and measures for compressed air system efficiency improvement and potential energy and cost savings.

Leak Information					
SCFM of leaks detected: _____					
SCFM of leaks repaired: _____					

Measure	Description	System Type	Horsepower	Rebate Rate	Total (Total Rebate: Calculated amount, \$10,000, or 100% of project cost, whichever is smallest)
Compressed Air Leak Detection and Repair	Compressed Air Leak Detection AND Repair of \geq 50% of Documented Leak CFM	Does the compressed air system include a VSD compressor? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	System HP (excluding backup compressors): _____	\$15 per HP	\$
Compressed Air System Energy Audit with Leak Detection and Repair	Compressed Air System Energy Audit AND Leak Detection AND Repair of \geq 50% of Documented Leak CFM			\$20 per HP	\$
Page Subtotal:					\$
Total Amount Requested:					\$

REBATE OFFER: Projects must be implemented (completed) between January 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026. Complete application must be submitted no later than December 31, 2026. Projects must result in reduced electric energy usage due to improvement in the system efficiency. Reduced electric use resulting from peak shaving, demand limiting, power generation, renewable energy (including solar PV and wind), or operating schedule changes will not qualify. This application form is for facilities with a commercial or industrial electric meter or rate code. Farms with a residential or commercial meter may also apply. Other businesses with a residential meter must use the residential programs.

COMPLIANCE: a) All projects must comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws, and building codes. b) All equipment must be new or retrofitted with new components per the program specifications. Used equipment is not eligible for rebates. Leased equipment must receive pre-approval BEFORE project initiation or entering into the equipment lease. Existing equipment must be permanently disconnected or removed and not reused elsewhere. c) New equipment must meet specification requirements. d) For prescriptive programs, new equipment must be operational when the application is submitted. e) Only one rebate will be granted for each project. f) Members may submit multiple projects in a calendar year; however, the rebate totals may not exceed the annual rebate cap without utility authorization. g) New construction projects will be considered with prior review and authorization. Note that the measures and rebates listed on the application form are typically intended for retrofit projects; not all measures listed may be available for new construction projects. h) If the project is in a leased building, the term of the lease must be at least three (3) years and a copy of the lease may be requested. i) Up to 24 months of utility usage information may be requested.

DELIVERY: Applications must be delivered via mail to Energy Optimization Programs, 431 Catalyst Way, Madison, WI 53719, emailed to info@michigan-energy.org, or faxed to (608) 646-7682.

PRESCRIPTIVE APPLICATIONS: Pre-approval is not required for prescriptive rebates unless otherwise specified. However, a rebate will not be provided for projects or equipment that does not precisely meet the requirements provided on the prescriptive application form. Applications must have complete information and be submitted with the supporting documentation specified on the form instructions. Unless otherwise specified, rebates for prescriptive measures may not exceed 75 percent of the total project cost, including materials, sales tax, external labor (i.e. contracted labor), permits, equipment rental, and disposal.

CUSTOM APPLICATIONS: Pre-approval is strongly encouraged for all custom projects. If your project does not fit the descriptions on the standard prescriptive rebate application form, it may qualify for a custom rebate. Applications must have complete information and be submitted with the calculations and supporting documentation specified on the form instructions. Unless otherwise specified, rebates for custom measures may not exceed 75 percent of the total project cost, including materials, sales tax, external labor (i.e. contracted labor), permits, equipment rental, and disposal. Note: Internal labor (i.e. non-contracted labor) may not be included in the cost of the project.

PAYMENT: Once completed paperwork is submitted, rebate payments are usually mailed within six to eight weeks. Rebate payments are made by check, and may arrive in multiple checks. Incomplete applications will either delay payments or result in denial of application approval. Energy Optimization reserves the right to refuse payment and participation if the member or trade ally violates program terms and conditions. MECA participating electric cooperative must receive 100 percent of the energy savings for the rated life of the product(s) or for a period of three (3) years from receipt of rebate, whichever is less. If the project does not provide the energy savings, if the facility in which the installed projects are located closes or ceases operation within three (3) years from receipt of rebate, or if you cease to be a member of a participating MECA electric cooperative during the following three (3) years, you shall refund a prorated amount of rebate dollars based on the time installed.

THIRD-PARTY PAYEES: The MECA participating electric cooperative member may authorize payment of the rebate directly to a landlord, trade ally, or other third-party payee by selecting the appropriate box in Section 4 on page 2 of the application. If the co-op member chooses to reassign their rebate to a third-party, the member must sign the release in Section 4 and the third-party payee must be identified in the completed Section 5 or on the payee's IRS Form W-9. Program staff reserve the right to contact the member to confirm third-party payee requests.

TRADE ALLY INFORMATION: The term "trade ally" refers to the company or contractor who provides or installs equipment for the member of a participating MECA electric cooperative member. If the project was completed by more than one trade ally (e.g., equipment was purchased from one trade ally but installed by another) and the rebate is being paid to the co-op member, enter the information of the trade ally who installed the equipment

in the Trade Ally (Contractor) Information section on page 2 of the application. Trade allies participating in the program must adhere to standards of acceptable business behavior and performance.

INSPECTION: Program staff reserve the right to conduct pre-inspections and post-inspections of proposed and installed projects. Some projects may require site verification or phone verification before the rebate will be processed.

PUBLICITY: Energy Optimization reserves the right to publicize your participation in this program, unless you specifically request otherwise.

PROGRAM DISCRETION: Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rebate amounts and offerings are subject to change or termination without notice at the discretion of the MECA participating electric cooperative.

LOGO USE: Members or trade allies may not use the MECA participating electric cooperative name or logo in any marketing, advertising, or promotional material without written permission.

DISCLAIMERS: Energy Optimization a) does not endorse any particular manufacturer, product, labor, or system design by offering these programs; b) will not be responsible for any tax liability imposed on the member as a result of the payment of rebates; c) does not expressly or implicitly warrant the performance of installed equipment or contractor's quality of work (contact your contractor for detailed warranties); d) is not responsible for the proper disposal/recycling of any waste generated as a result of this project; e) is not liable for any damage caused by the installation of the equipment or for any damage caused by the malfunction of the installed equipment; f) is not responsible for items (rebate applications, supporting documentation, and/or rebate checks) lost or damaged in the mail.

ELIGIBILITY: These rebates are offered only to members of participating MECA electric cooperatives with active electric service in Michigan without a negative balance. For questions regarding eligibility, email info@michigan-energy.org.

INFORMATION RELEASE: The member requests and authorizes MECA participating electric cooperatives to release electric usage for the preceding 24 months to Energy Optimization program staff, in order to participate in the program. The authorization to release information expires automatically two (2) years after signature date. The member agrees that the Energy Optimization program and their contractors may include the member's name, address, electric account number, electric services, and resulting energy savings ("Information") in a database hosted by a contractor of the MECA participating electric cooperative program and such information may be included in reports or other documentation submitted to MECA participating electric cooperative, and their contractors and/or the Michigan Public Service Commission ("Reports"). Such parties will treat such Information as confidential and the Information in the Reports shall only be in the aggregate.

RELEASE/INDEMNIFICATION: Payment of rebates under the Energy Optimization program and/or evaluation of applications for rebates shall not deem the Energy Optimization program or any of its affiliates, employees, contractors, or agents ("Energy Optimization Parties") to be responsible for any work completed in connection herewith. The applicant fully releases Energy Optimization Parties from any and all claims it may have against Energy Optimization Parties in connection with this application, the rebates, or the work performed in connection with them. In addition, the applicant agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Energy Optimization Parties harmless from and against any and all claims, losses, demands, or lawsuits by any third parties arising in connection with this application, the payment or non-payment of rebates, or any work performed in connection with them. The member hereby releases MECA participating electric cooperative from any and all liability arising from or connected with releasing the information to the Energy Optimization program set forth herein.

NON-DISCLOSURE: The Energy Optimization program agrees not to disclose project information, such as pricing, proprietary equipment specifications, or other intellectual property. Such information will be used by Energy Optimization program staff only for the purpose of validating and fulfilling rebate applications. Such information will not be shared outside of the Energy Optimization program.

ANNUAL MEMBER REBATE CAP: Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis; apply early. Rebate budgets are limited, therefore total annual rebate amount per member may be limited. For more information about existing member caps, visit michigan-energy.org. If a larger rebate amount is needed to enable your project to move forward, please call to request pre-approval prior to beginning your project.