

FAQs: 2022 program year gas funds are 100% fully allocated

Effective at **8 a.m. August 8th, 2022**, funding for the **gas** incentive portion of the 2022 DTE Energy Efficiency Program for Business **became 100% fully allocated**.

*If you have already received a **reservation letter** for your project:*

1. Complete the project and submit the **Final Application** by the reservation end date stated in the reservation letter.
2. Notify program staff immediately if the project will not go forward in 2023.

Note: When applications are being placed on hold, we will not allow an increase in the dollar amount that was originally requested.

*If your **Final Application** has been placed on hold:*

1. The Program Team will contact you directly if funds become available. Additional project applications will be processed as project cancellations are identified.

Note: If funds do not become available, your project will be cancelled, and you will be ineligible for incentive dollars.

*If your **Reservation Application** has been placed on hold:*

1. The Program Team will contact you directly if funds become available. Additional project applications will be processed as project cancellations are identified.
2. If you decide to continue with your project without a reservation letter and complete your project after November 1st, 2022, and 2022 Program Year incentives do not become available, the Program Team will help you transition your project into the 2023 Program.
3. If you decide to continue with your project without a reservation letter and complete your project before November 1st, 2022, and 2022 Program Year incentives do not become available, you will not be eligible for 2023 Program funds.

Note: Projects without a **reservation letter** and completed before November 1st, 2022, will not be eligible for 2023 Program funds.

If you have not yet submitted an application:

1. If your project is an electric project, please submit your application at your earliest convenience.
2. If your project is a gas project, you can submit your application for 2022 funding, and it will be placed on hold and will be pulled as funds become available. If you postpone your project so that it will be completed after November 1st, 2022, you will be eligible to submit for rebates for 2023. The Program Team will contact you to help you transition your project into the 2023 Program.
3. If your project is both gas and electric, you can choose one of the following:
 - a. Submit the entire application to be put on hold for when funding becomes available, or the application gets transitioned to the 2023 program year.
 - b. Submit the entire application, even if funds do not become available. If you complete your application before November 1st, 2022, then the electric can be paid, but there is a risk that the gas portion of the application will become ineligible for Incentives if funds do not become available.
 - c. Submit the entire application, even if funds do not become available. If you complete your application after November 1st, 2022, then the electric can be paid, and the gas portion will be transitioned to a 2023 application.

Will I receive my incentive funds if I begin my project while my application is on hold?

Not necessarily: If you do not have a reservation letter, then there is a risk that you will not receive an incentive. For a higher degree of certainty that you will receive an incentive, you should delay your project until after November 1st, 2022. If by that time your project has not been funded in the 2022 Program year, you may apply and, subject to 2023 policies, procedures, and incentive levels, you may expect to receive confirmation of funds and the full incentives to which your project is entitled. You are also welcome to contact the Program Team at any time to verify your project status.

How does the Program funding become available after reaching the point of being fully allocated?

Energy efficiency projects and customer circumstances vary a great deal. Sometimes projects that reserve incentive funds end up not going forward. By placing applications on hold, the Program is able to keep projects ready in the event that a previously reserved project is not completed, releasing funds that can then be awarded to those other projects.

How will DTE Energy decide when and which projects being held will be funded?

Projects being held for possible funding will be transferred to reserved status on a first-come, first-served basis, contingent on available funding. Such funding comes from projects that had been reserved but were not successfully completed. This varies by the day and hour and therefore we cannot provide individual information. Projects are transferred into reserved status in the order in which applications were received.

If my application has been placed on hold and I do not complete my project, will my project be automatically carried forward – or do I have to reapply in 2023?

At this time, 2022 applications placed on hold cannot be automatically carried over into the 2023 Program Year. If your project is still on hold and does not receive funding in the 2022 Program Year, a member of the Program Team will contact you about your options and offer assistance to rollover your application once the 2023 application materials are available.

Will incentive levels change between 2022 and 2023?

At the conclusion of the 2022 Program Year, we will evaluate our incentive rates, as well as terms and conditions to assess whether these are still appropriate for the overall cost of implementation and energy savings. **NOTE:** Be advised that you will be paid at 2023 incentive levels if you decide to reapply for your project in 2023.

When can I send in my Reservation Application?

Reservation applications for 2023 projects can be submitted as soon as the new program year application is available. For long term projects you can submit an application for the current year; however, incentives may change.

Can I apply for 2023 funds on projects completed earlier than November 1st in 2022?

No. Final applications must be received within 60 days of project completion. Applications for 2023 funds may only be considered for projects completed after November 1st, 2022.

Will I be notified when the 2023 Applications are posted?

The Program Team will post the new application materials on the program website and communicate their availability broadly. We will make every effort to reach out to trade allies and customers through the Trade Ally portal and beyond.

What if my application includes both gas and electric measures, is the entire application placed on hold?

When applications are placed on hold, the Program Team notifies each applicant of the measures that are affected.

1. If you decide to continue with the project even though the gas portion will be placed on hold, the application will be split into two. You will have one application for the electric measures that will go through the normal process, and one application for the gas measures that will be placed on hold.
2. If you decide to hold off on the entire project until gas funding becomes available, the entire project will be placed on hold until funding becomes available, or until a decision is made to transition the project to 2023 funding.

Are New Construction Applications affected by this situation?

New Construction projects that will be completed in 2022 containing gas measures will be placed on hold. For specific questions about your application, please contact the Program Team.