

Energy Impact Illinois touts rebate program for homeowners

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An alliance of local organizations, utility companies and nonprofit groups is helping area homeowners to afford energy-saving home improvements.

The alliance, Energy Impact Illinois, has been making the rounds to local village board and city council meetings to tout a rebate program for Chicago-area homeowners that pays back up to \$1,750.

According to a press release, Energy Impact Illinois helps determine eligible rebates and links homeowners to certified contractors who can assess and estimate the right mix of air sealing and insulation projects that will achieve savings.

The release also claims that homeowners save, on average, 70 percent on the typical cost of the actual work, and that Energy Impact Illinois can also link homeowners with attractive loan options with zero percent interest for the first year to make up any difference.

For more information, homeowners can call 1-855-9-IMPACT or contact field organizer Megan Butler by phone at 630-750-7726 or via email at meg@energyimpactillinois.org.

Butler attended last week's Elgin City Council meeting to promote the program and said the alliance representatives also will come to people's homes to host energy savings-related house parties.

Homeowners can also visit www.energyimpactillinois.org for tools and links to contractor resources to help take the first steps to lowering energy bills and increasing home comfort.