

Community Focus Statement G: Strive to make Lucerne Valley energy self-sustainable.

Action Statement G.1: Promote programs that assist home and business owners with financing energy-efficiency upgrades.

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Benchmark: Flyer prepared on a wide variety of energy efficiency services and offer several energy-saving rebates, incentives, and assistance programs to make homes and businesses more energy efficient and shared with community members.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: \$500–\$1,000



The County of Marin’s Sustainability Team offers several programs to address energy issues and opportunities in the county. The team offers free energy efficiency assessments and technical assistance and provides rebates and incentives for residents and businesses that want to install renewable energy systems. For more information, visit: <http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/sustainability/enerov-programs>

and heating and water heating products. Business customers can receive rebates on pool covers, pool heaters, process heating boilers, steam traps, and pipe and tank insulation. Additional customized incentives can be offered to businesses to lower investment costs when planning retrofit projects involving the installation of high-efficiency equipment or systems. Local electric and natural gas service providers often distribute informational pamphlets and bill inserts to property owners. These materials provide property owners with information on energy efficiency and encourage users to find energy-saving solutions through energy-efficient upgrades, lighting controls, effectively managing air conditioning systems, and participating in energy-efficient financing or rebates.

Currently, the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC) provides a Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) for emergency and non-emergency utility assistance. HEAP offers information at scheduled energy education workshops on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays to assist qualifying residents to

The Lucerne Valley Market/Hardware installed parking lot and rooftop solar and a natural gas generator to reduce energy costs. Energy efficiency is defined as using electricity and natural gas more effectively while maintaining the same comfort and performance levels. When people do not have knowledge or an understanding of what is entailed in being energy efficient, energy is wasted daily in homes and businesses. A wide variety of energy efficiency programs are administered by local utilities to assist in energy savings that have long-term benefits to the environment. Key service providers and partner agencies can discuss energy issues and offer financial incentives and technical assistance for residential and commercial sites in the community.

Some residential and business customers are eligible to receive product rebates from their energy providers. Residential customers can receive rebates on lighting, air conditioners, appliance recycling, Energy Star products,

receive annual credits. CAPSBC also has a Weatherization Services Program, which includes free updates (installation of applicable weatherization measures such as insulation, duct repair, filter replacement, heating units, etc.) for energy-saving improvements. In addition, Southern California Edison and the Southern California Gas Company offer several rebates, incentives, and assistance programs to make homes and businesses more energy efficient.

This action could be addressed with Action Statement A.1.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Create a community Committee to approach CAPSBC and EEES and collaborate with education and informing community.	Committee with support from CAPSBC EEES		Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, Energy Education and Environmental Services
2. Focus EEES staff members on continuing existing efforts as well as promoting additional measures to educate the community on energy-efficient services.	Committee with support from CAPSBC EEES	Month 1	http://www.capsbc.org/energy-education-environment County of Marin, Energy Programs http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/sustainability/energy-programs
3. Develop a list of community concerns, issues, and areas of improvement that address energy conservation at home and work.	Committee	Month 1	http://www.marincounty.org/depts/cd/divisions/planning/sustainability/energy-programs Southern California Gas Company, Trade Professional Program
4. Develop key partnerships with local utilities, and local, regional, and state agencies for knowledge on legislative and community information.	Committee, CAPSBC EEES, Southern California Edison, Southern California Gas Company	Months 2–4	https://www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/energy-savings/trade-pro-program
5. Provide training and information sessions to individuals and groups in the area of energy conservation.	CAPSBC EEES	Ongoing	Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County, Strategic Plan 2011–2021 http://media.wix.com/ugd/aa3e48_f0aa6d1a396d425e85b5b49ce_d141a5e.pdf