



2021 Merriam Residential Sustainability Grant Program

Goal: Encourage residents to make their homes more sustainable by improving their home's energy efficiency

Program:

- Provide a 20% reimbursement for energy saving improvements
- Total annual program amount - \$20,000
- Can be used in conjunction with Residential Exterior Improvement Grant (one project cannot be funded by both programs)
- Approved applications will be allocated funding until all program funds are expended

Eligibility:

- Non-apartment residential properties
- Minimum **\$2,500** investment by property owner
- Reimbursement amount – minimum \$500; maximum \$2,500
- Eligible improvements include, but are not limited to: Home Energy Audit (blower door audit) by certified auditor, solar power, wind power, energy efficient HVAC and/or water heater, energy efficient windows and/or doors, insulation, geothermal heating and cooling, duct sealing
- Energy saving improvements must meet the 2018 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) – specifications are provided on a separate sheet
- The city reserves the right to determine if a proposed improvement meets program requirements
- All improvements must conform to Merriam Code
- Contractor(s) utilized to perform the improvements must have a Merriam Occupational license, and if appropriate, a Johnson County Contractor License
- Property owner must be current on all property taxes in Merriam
- Program property must be code complaint
- Property owner must provide proof of adequate property insurance
- Governmental subsidies or funds utilized for the improvements are not eligible for reimbursement

Process:

- Community Development manages the program
- Program applications will be accepted starting January 4, 2021
- Property owner submits an application to Community Development
- Applications are reviewed in the order they are received
- Work bids, **including all project specification sheets**, must be submitted prior to application approval
- The program will only reimburse the labor costs of the labor provided by a third-party contractor
- Application approval must occur prior to start of work
- Before and after photos of the project will be taken by city staff
- Property owner is responsible for ensuring that all required permits have been obtained. All permits must be in place prior to any work taking place
- Work must be completed within 120 days of application approval
- Work must be completed by October 15th
- One Residential Sustainability grant per property with same owner, per 10 years

Before reimbursement:

- Property owner provides at least \$2,500 in receipts
- Staff performs a post project inspection to verify project completion
- No exterior code violations are present
- Recipient must complete a W-9

Please refer to separate sheet for specifications and requirements of improvements