

## **2025 Merriam Residential Sustainability Grant Program**

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

### **Program:**

- Provide a 30% reimbursement for energy saving improvements
- Total annual program amount - \$65,000
- 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
- **Contractor(s) utilized to perform the improvements must have a Merriam Occupational license, and if appropriate, a Johnson County Contractor License**

### **Eligibility:**

- Non-apartment residential properties
- Minimum **\$2,000** investment by property owner. Property owner labor may be counted toward the minimum investment
- Reimbursement amount – minimum \$600; maximum \$3,000
- 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
- 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
- Insurance claim payments are not eligible for reimbursement

### **Process:**

- Community Development manages the program
- Program applications will be accepted starting January 2, 2025
- Application must be approved by the city prior to start of work
- 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
- 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
- Before and after photos of the project will be taken by city staff
- Work must be completed within 120 days of application approval
- Work must be completed by September 15, 2025
- One Residential Sustainability grant per property with same owner, per 5 years
- Owners of multiple properties can annually submit an application for only one of their properties

### **Before reimbursement:**

- Property owner provides at least \$2,000 in receipts
- Project for which the application is submitted must be paid for in full
- 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**

**The city at any time, without prior notice and at its sole discretion, can modify or eliminate this program.**

**State and local grants are ordinarily taxable for federal income purposes. If awarded, the City will report the grant to the IRS and send you a Federal IRS Form 1099. Please consult a tax professional if you have questions about any possible tax liability you may incur.**