

## Building Optimization Program

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# Save energy Improve comfort Gain utility incentive

## Improve building performance

Building performance drifts over time thereby increasing building operating expenses.

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 CenterPoint Energy incentive program helps customers understand opportunities to
improve building performance.



Implementing recommended optimization measures improves occupant comfort while reducing energy use.

# About the program

CenterPoint Building Optimization Program offers local business customers the opportunity to enhance their energy efficiency solutions which may result in cost savings and improved overall building performance. Customers and CenterPoint come together with a common goal of identifying ways to make existing building systems operate better, improve indoor air quality, reduce energy bills, and maximize occupant comfort and satisfaction. Customers participating in this program could unlock the potential for energy reduction and an improved financial return.

# Eligibility

CenterPoint medium and large commercial and industrial electric service customers utilizing a building automation system or energy management with trending capability are eligible for this program.

Applications for building optimization rebates must be pre-approved by CenterPoint prior to starting a study.





### **Current program incentive**

Recipient	Incentive
Study provider	Up to 75% of pre-approved study cost.
Customer	\$.04 per kilowatt-hour (kWh) based on actual realized savings, capped at 100% of implementation cost or \$300,000, whichever is lower.

## How the program works:

#### 1. Eligibility

 Connect with CenterPoint or a qualified study provider to understand if your building is a candidate to participate in the program.

#### 2. Application and approval

- Download, complete and submit the building optimization program application. This should include an estimated savings goal, a cost for the study as provided by your selected study provider and a utility analysis.
- Your application and supporting documentation will be reviewed to determine rebate eligibility. Upon approval, you'll receive a formal notification from CenterPoint to proceed with your study.
- The application can be found here: CenterPointEnergy.com/INBuildingOptimization

#### 3. Study

- Once the application is reviewed and approved, you will receive a project pre-approval letter. Your study provider can now begin the study. You have up to 60 days to complete the study and submit a study report for CenterPoint's review and approval.
- Following CenterPoint's approval of the study report, the study provider will schedule a meeting with you and CenterPoint to discuss measures for implementation.

#### 4. Implementation

- You can now begin to work with your preferred vendor to implement the measures identified in your study report. Please note, customers are expected to implement measures with a simple payback of less than or equal to 24 months. Study provider cost is paid after implementation is complete.
- You have up to 12 weeks from the study review meeting to implement all measures.
- Following implementation, up to 50% of the study cost is paid to the study provider.

#### 5. Measurement and verification

- When all measures are implemented, submit an itemized invoice and your project installation notice. CenterPoint may contact you to conduct a site visit to collect additional information.
- CenterPoint will verify implementation and quantify energy performance in comparison to initial targets.

#### 6. Incentive payment

- After the post-implementation review is completed, CenterPoint will issue a rebate check to the customer for \$0.04 per verified kWh based on identified savings, capped at either your total implementation cost or \$300,000, whichever is less.
- CenterPoint will also issue payment to the study provider for the remaining balance (up to 25%) of the study cost.

