Cool Roof Rebate Program

The Louisville Metro Office of Sustainability’s Cool Roof Rebate Program provides rebates to property owners of $1 per square foot of cool roof installed. Roofing products must be certified by the Cool Roof Rating Council or ENERGY STAR. Additional specifications are required for eligibility.

- Residential Buildings - $1 per square foot for new or retrofit steep-slope and flat or low-sloped cool roofs, up to $2,000.
- Non-residential Buildings - $1 per square foot of new or retrofit flat or low-sloped cool roofs up to the maximum rebate of $5,000, and for steep-sloped cool roofs up to the maximum rebate of $10,000.

More information: louisvilleky.gov/government/sustainability/incentives

Cost Segregations + Tax Incentives

Real estate owners can benefit from cost segregation as either a tenant or property owner. Don’t wait to take tax deductions you are entitled to now. Learn how cost segregation is a powerful tax planning strategy used to accelerate depreciation deductions producing significant tax deferrals and freeing-up valuable cash flow. The Federal government provides tax incentive packages for real estate owners who are building or improving their real estate.

Energy Project Assessment District (EPAD)

Louisville’s EPAD program is a tool that allows property owners to repay private loans for energy efficiency, renewable energy and water conservation measures through a voluntary assessment administered by the Jefferson County Sheriff in the same manner as a property tax bill. The program allows property owners to secure more favorable financing terms than with traditional financing mechanisms. Through the EPAD program, property owners may finance up to 100% of an eligible project’s cost. Eligible property types include office, retail, industrial, agricultural, non-profits and multifamily residential units consisting of five (5) or more dwelling units. Commercial properties include for-profit businesses and non-governmental, non-residential, tax-exempt properties such as privately operated community centers and hospitals.

More information: louisvilleky.gov/government/sustainability/epad-program

ENERGY STAR’s Portfolio Manager

This free online software helps energy managers, facility managers and building owners track and evaluate their facility’s energy and water consumption over time. Viewing consumption data in this format helps identify inefficiencies that need to be fixed and the results of energy-saving efforts. Using Portfolio Manager is the first step towards achieving ENERGY STAR Certification.


Go Green Loan

Small businesses can take advantage of a below market-rate incentive program aimed at increasing energy efficiency and creating “green” jobs. These loans can be used for energy-efficiency upgrades, or businesses creating green products or services.
LG&E Rebates

LG&E offers a Commercial Rebate Program which helps commercial customers earn cash rebates for making energy-saving improvements to their existing facilities or building new facilities above state building code. These rebates help offset the costs for upgrading or installing certain high-efficiency equipment, such as lighting, air conditioning, chillers and more. As an additional benefit, rebates are available to offset part of the cost of an energy audit. More information: lge-ku.com/rebate

LG&E Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

LG&E and KU will install up to 20 EV charging stations for public use – increasing electric vehicle drivers’ access to more regional charging stations. To date, five stations – including the new Butchertown, Highlands and downtown locations – have been installed, and other locations are being determined to best serve EV drivers. Business customers also have the opportunity to host one or more charging stations to be located anywhere on their property. As a station host, it’s up to the business if the hosted stations will be publicly or privately accessible. More information: lge-ku.com/ev

LG&E Solar Share Program

LG&E will build, own and operate a “community” solar facility in Shelby County. Residential, business and industrial customers have the opportunity to share in local solar energy and receive solar energy credits generated from the facility. This type of subscription-based program is ideal for customers who want to support local solar, but are unable to or would prefer not to install a private system on their own property. It’s especially appealing for renters, those with properties predominantly in the shade and those who have deed restrictions. More information: lge-ku.com/solar-share

LG&E Business Solar Program

LG&E will build, own and operate individual solar facilities for interested business and industrial customers. Each project will require a 25-year commitment and will be subject to approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. Pricing structures will depend upon each project’s scope and size of the solar array. More information: lge-ku.com/solar

Pilot Sustainability District in Nulu

In 2012, Nulu expressed a formal interest in committing to sustainability principles and established themselves as a pilot sustainability district. A core objective of the pilot Nulu Neighborhood Sustainability District is increased energy efficiency and renewable energy neighborhood-wide. Currently, building owners are being encouraged to get free assessments to identify cost-effective lighting upgrades, updated HVAC equipment, insulation improvement, and opportunities for solar and geothermal energy. During the next phase, expected this summer, vendors will be identified to offer special pricing for offering energy efficiency upgrades and renewable energy to multiple business owners at the same time. We refer to this project as, “The Aggregation Model.” The pilot Nulu Sustainability District is the result of a partnership between Louisville Metro Government’s Office of Sustainability, the Louisville Downtown Partnership, the Nulu Business Association, Midwest Clean Energy Enterprise, LLC, and Preservation Green Lab. As this pilot advances, we need participants for four working groups: Health & Well Being; Energy; Water & Ecosystem; and Materials Management. Participants will develop and establish community goals and objectives. To get involved, contact Bobby Clark at sbyclark@gmail.com.

More information about the Louisville Energy Alliance is available at www.louisvilleenergyalliance.org.