LCRA's Commercial, Institutional, and Industrial (CII) Rebates

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Recent Customer Projects

- City of Burnet – Irrigation of 3 baseball fields with Effluent, 9 a-f/year, LCRA funded $9,468
- Corix Utilities– AMI/AMR meters, 1.5 miles line loop and replacing bad mains, 170 a-f/year, LCRA funded $90K
- Hurst Creek MUD – Recycle backwash, 99 a-f/year, LCRA funded $100K

CII Program

- www.watersmart.org
- LCRA staff receives and reviews proposal
- Over $25K - will require approval by LCRA's Water Conservation Incentives Review Committee

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Using water wisely benefits us all. LCRA has a wide range of conservation programs for different water users within the Lower Colorado River basin.

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Test Your Irrigation System

Use Mulch and Save Water

Replace Riser Seal

WaterSmart Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Program

The WaterSmart Commercial, Institutional and Industrial Program (CII) helps customers in LCRA's water service area such as businesses, industries, schools, hospitals, churches and other institutions adopt new water-saving equipment and practices. LCRA provides technical support and resources to help reduce water use and maximize efficiency.

LCRA will assess water management activities through a free water use on-site evaluation and offer recommendations to upgrade existing equipment or implement new practices. The goal is to significantly enhance water efficiency and reduce operating costs by reducing the use of water and wastewater, as well as electricity, propane and natural gas.

After LCRA or a qualified professional conducts the evaluation, LCRA will conduct a post-installation inspection to verify equipment and process changes. Participants who pass that inspection may then apply for the rebates.

Participants can receive a rebate of up to $100 for each toilet and urinal replaced with water efficient models and up to $900 per acre-foot (325,851 gallons) saved for other water-saving equipment and process changes.

Examples of equipment changes eligible for a rebate include, but are not limited to:

- Replacement of water-cooled equipment with new air-cooled equipment.
- Water reclamation systems.
- Air conditioning condensate capture and reuse.
- Elimination of water-intensive phases of industrial processes.
- Cooling tower modifications that reduce water use.
- Industrial laundry equipment upgrades that reduce overall water use.
- Replacement of water-intensive kitchen equipment with newer water-efficient equipment.

LCRA will help conduct a cost-benefit analysis for proposed projects and help shorten the payback period associated with the project. Many of the proposed improvements save water, energy, wastewater and operation and maintenance expenses.

Contact Water Conservation Coordinator Brett Briant or download the CII Rebate Application for more information.

CII Water Saving Equipment

- Cooling tower modifications
- AC condensate capture
- Laundry equipment
- Elimination of water intensive processes
- Kitchen equipment upgrades
- Water cooled to air cooled
- Fixtures
- Outdoor irrigation

Rebate Amount$

- **HET (1.28 GPF or less) – up to $100 per**
- **HEU (0.5 GPF or less) – up to $100 per**
- **Other CII process modifications- up to $900 per ACF saved per year (over a 10yr lifespan) or 50% the cost whichever is less**

CII Rebate Process

- Pre-Application Process
- Distribution
- Installation and Inspection
- Application Process
- Payment Request Requirements
- Verification

Pre-Application Process

- **Eligibility – active water account, address must reside within the service area of one of the LCRA's firm water retail service providers**
- **Water Efficiency Audit – conducted by LCRA staff or a qualified independent consultant**

Distribution

- **Rebate Request – Customer purchases and bills LCRA after install and inspection verified**
- **Direct Distribution – LCRA staff will distribute # of items available for direct distribution (i.e. aerators, pre-rinse spray valves, and showerheads)**
- **Voucher System**

Installation and Inspection

- Applicant will have all work completed
- Applicant schedules a post-inspection
- Staff will perform follow up to ensure work has been completed and that all converted units are properly operating
- Participating facility must have maintenance management program to protect savings

Payment

- **Upon receipt of invoices staff reviews for compliance, complete Invoice Verification section, submit for management approval, enter into database for tracking purposes and payment issued.**

Commercial Irrigation Rebate Program

- $1,270 per system or 50 percent the cost
- Rain/Freeze Sensor up to $20
- Pressure reducing heads and nozzles up to $5 per head or 50 percent the cost
- Soil Moisture Sensor(s) up to $250 or up to $900 for systems with >13 stations

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