



Policy in Colorado

Phius Policy Overview

Phius focuses on policies that promote and facilitate the construction of single-family dwellings, multifamily apartments, and commercial buildings that are highly efficient (lessening the load on the grid), comfortable, and resilient during extreme weather events. These policies generally fit into three categories: Qualified Allocation Plans (QAPs), Energy Codes, and Incentives. This document aims to dive into these three policy categories at a state-specific level.

Incentives

Denver Pilot Rebate Program for All-Electric Affordable Housing

To meet Denver's decarbonization goals, the city of Denver is offering monetary incentives for both Phius Design Certification (\$600/dwelling, up to \$150,000) and Phius Certification (\$3,000/dwelling, up to \$500,000).

Denver Professional Development Rebates

The city of Denver has offered to cover 100% of the cost (up to \$2,500) of qualified trainings and exams in an effort to meet Denver's decarbonization goals. All Phius trainings and exams qualify for this rebate.

Phius Certified Builder Training Incentive

For both architects and builders in Colorado who build in Xcel's Colorado electric service territory, Xcel is providing a 90% sponsorship for Phius' Certified Builder Training.

Qualified Allocation Plan

Colorado Qualified Allocation Plan 2025 to 2026

To support Colorado's energy goals, the QAP has included Phius certification, among other advanced energy performance standards, as a pathway to meet the energy efficiency and sustainability requirements. Phius is recognized as a "higher level of energy performance, and projects seeking to achieve Phius certification are considered **more competitive** than those achieving a standard "green building certification option."

Energy Codes

Boulder Energy Code

In Boulder County, Phius is included as an alternative compliance path for buildings over 3,500 ft² in order to meet the energy requirements.

Denver Green Code

In the city of Denver, Phius is included as an alternative compliance path for residential buildings as a means to achieve compliance with the Green Code.

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