



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, 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 policy categories at a state-specific level. **Note: This document was created in May of 2026 and policies mentioned here may no longer be active.*

Incentives

Colorado's Residential New Home Construction

For all-electric projects in Colorado seeking to achieve Phius Certification, Xcel Energy is offering a total rebate of \$25,000. This rebate is valid through 12/31/26 unless stated otherwise by Xcel Energy

Colorado's Affordable New Home Construction

For home builders looking to build affordable housing, Xcel Energy is offering a rebate of up to \$40,000 per home for achieving Phius Certification. This rebate is valid through 12/31/26 unless stated otherwise by Xcel Energy. **Please visit Phius' Policy Database (linked below) for eligibility requirements.*

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

Colorado's QAP includes Phius Certification as a pathway to meet the energy efficiency and sustainability requirements. Phius is recognized as a "higher level of energy performance," and "more competitive."

Energy Codes

Boulder Energy Code & Denver Green Code.

In both Boulder County and the city of Denver, Phius is included as an alternative compliance path for residential buildings to comply with each respective codes' energy requirements.

Phius Policy Database

Please visit Phius' Policy Database to ensure the policies mentioned above are still active and to find more policy projects as shown to the right.

 Learn more at phius.org/policies

