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Please consider the needs of tenants in rental housing in how you set up and distribute these funds. There are many of us who live in extremely inefficient apartments who pay our own energy bills, which disincentivizes our landlords from doing anything about the problem.

I/the tenant would need to be able to take the lead and make the process utterly painless for my landlords in order for an apartment or building like mine to benefit from these rebates. My apartment has a 50 year old gas forced air furnace which would be very easy to replace with either mini-splits or a heat pump box replacement, but as it is me who pays the \$300-400/month heating bill the property owner has no incentive to act.

Also, please allow window upgrade rebates to be used for custom-sized pressure fit plexiglass window inserts on the initiative of renters. Window inserts of this sort stay with the window they are built for and provide the energy benefits of replacement windows but they don't require renovation or changing original architectural details. Allowing the rebates to be used for pressure fit window inserts would make window upgrades a very effective and tenant-accessible option for rental housing.