

CARE & FERA

Financial Assistance Programs

Orange County Power Authority (OCPA) is here to support you. Playing a role in building a cleaner, healthier future shouldn't stretch your budget. OCPA customers have access to the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) and Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) financial assistance programs administered by Southern California Edison (SCE), which help qualifying families of all sizes lower their monthly energy bills when they need it most.



CARE

California Alternate Rates for Energy

Qualifying households receive 32.5% off their electric bills.



FERA

Family Electric Rate Assistance

Qualifying households receive an 18% discount on their electric bills.

How to qualify

You may qualify for either CARE or FERA based on the size of your household and the total current income of all persons living in your house, condo, apartment, or mobile home.

Effective June 1, 2025, to May 31, 2026, income limits are as follows:

Household Size	CARE Income Eligibility Upper Limit **	FERA Income Eligibility Lower and Upper Income Limits*
1-2	\$42,300	\$42,301 - \$52,875
3	\$53,300	\$53,301 - \$66,625
4	\$64,300	\$64,301 - \$80,375
5	\$75,300	\$75,301 - \$94,125
6	\$86,300	\$86,301 - \$107,875
7	\$97,300	\$97,301 - \$121,625
8	\$108,300	\$108,301 - \$135,375
Each Additional Person	\$11,000	\$11,000 - \$13,750

*Lower Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines (CARE) + \$1

200 Upper Limit Calculation = 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines

** Upper Limit Calculation = 250% of Federal Poverty Guideline

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Additionally, you may qualify for CARE if you or someone in your home participates in at least one of the following public assistance programs:

- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
- CalFresh/SNAP (food stamps)
- CalWorks (TANF)/Tribal TANF
- Head Start Income Eligible (tribal only)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Medi-Cal/Medicaid
- Medi-Cal for Families (Healthy Families A&B)
- National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

