

Your energy efficient future, today.



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# Why HERO?

HERO is helping communities across California realize the promise of an energy efficient future by making the energy efficient choice the safe and affordable choice for property owners.



### **Community Impact**

When property owners invest in energy efficient upgrades, they do more than save energy. HERO also helps communities create new jobs, save water and increase property values. HERO provides:

### Consumer Protection:

Price / Value Confirmation

Pay Upon Job Completion

Dispute Resolution

### Economic Stimulus:

Lower Utility Bills

New Job Creation

Increased Property Values Environmental Benefits:

Reduced CO<sup>2</sup> Emissions

Decreased Energy Consumption

Water Savings

## HERO Advantage

When you approve HERO in your community you're protecting consumers before, during and upon completion of every project. Contractors must be in good standing with the Program and are only paid after the job is completed to the consumer's satisfaction.

Consumer Prot	ection	Before HERO	After HERO
Training	Eligibility Requirements Proposal Automation Estimating Calculators Application Verification	8	<b></b>
Compliance	Marketing Product Eligibility Fair Pricing CSLB Confirmation Permit Verification	$\boldsymbol{\otimes}$	<b>S</b>
Protection	Pay Upon Completion ID Verification Terms Confirmation In Good Standing Dispute Resolution	8	<b></b>

### **HERO Features:**

- Quality Control
- Approvals Based on Home Equity
- Long-Term Low Fixed Interest Rates

### **HERO Products:**

Over 900,000 models of energy saving products qualify:

- Solar
  Artificial Turf
- HVAC

Windows

- Roofing
- Insulation

Pool Pumps Water Savings

## PACE Track Record

HERO is the largest and most successful residential PACE based financing program in the nation, and the only program that has successfully securitized PACE based loans. All funding, support services and technology are provided at no cost to the municipality.

Our proven model enables us to continue to provide:

- Ongoing Lending Capital
- Dependable Support Services
- Comprehensive Technology Infrastructure
- Unrivaled Consumer Protections



## Integrated Technology

HERO provides communities an extensive technology platform designed to deliver accurate and timely information during every step of the process.



## HERO Gov

HERO Gov provides municipalities direct insight on Program performance and transparency on all consumer protection support items.



### **Features:**

- HERO Map
- Mobile App
- Real Time Data
- Projects Financed
- Amounts Financed
- Environmental Impact
- Jobs Created
- Consumer Protection
  Inquiries and Resolutions

## HERO Pro

An integrated, secure platform designed to make the estimating, approval, documentation and funding process as easy as possible for homeowners and contractors.

### Features:

- Interactive Sales Tools
- Estimating Calculators
- Energy Savings Calculators
- Financing Document Generation
- Electronic Signature Capabilities
- Information and Updates
- Web Based Training Curriculum
- Webpage at heroprogram.com/companyname

## **Community Support**

We provide dedicated support to consumers, contractors and municipalities through every step of the process.

### **Contractor Training**

Our representatives in the field deliver training and provide ongoing support for application processing and program implementation.

### **Municipal Support**

Dedicated account managers are assigned to every municipality to provide training, ongoing support, and to respond to any constituent inquiries.

### **Dispute Resolution**

Every consumer complaint receives a full investigation. When necessary, our investigators with law enforcement experience will intervene to resolve any disputes.

### HERO Hotline (855-HERO-411)

Our full service call center is available to consumers and contractors from project start to completion.



## Contractor Training & Registration

The HERO Program provides a comprehensive training program, designed to get contractors comfortable with the all of the financing terms and the property owner approval process.

### Training includes:

- Sales Training
- Software Training
- Product Eligibility
- Document Processing
- Completion Certification
- Payment Options
- Co-Marketing Policies
- Brand Usage Guidelines



## **Consumer Protection Policy**

HERO has developed the #1 Consumer Protection Policy in the home energy improvement financing sector.

### **Contractor ID Verification**

Every contractor must be in good standing with the Program, and have active license status with the CSLB.

## **Pricing Controls**

We conduct a Reasonable Cost Test on all major product types and projects to ensure consumers get a fair price.

## **Permit Verification**

We require verification that the necessary permits for qualifying products (including HVAC, solar PV, roofing, and many other products) have been issued.

## **Payment Protection**

No payments are made to the contractor until the property owner signs a completion certificate to verify the project has been completed to their satisfaction. We are committed to ensuring that every project is reasonably priced, products are certified as energy efficient, and that you're working with Contractors who meet all HERO Program requirements.



With HERO, you can exi quality customer care i

## Awards & Recognition

HERO delivers real impact and has been recognized by industry leaders for excellence and innovation.



### **ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP** | Governor of California Awarded California's highest honor by Governor Brown for exceptional leadership in environmental preservation and

exceptional leadership in environmental preservation and economic stimulus.



### **BEST RESIDENTIAL PARTNERSHIP** | U.S. Green Building Council Recognized as a Top 10 Green Building Policy in California, serving as a national model for financing energy efficiency and water conservation retrofits.



### BEST OF THE BEST Urban Land Institute

Recognized for sustainable community development and organizational leadership in providing: economic value, environmental quality, and social equity.

#### **BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD** Climate Change Business Journal

Recognized for successfully partnering with local governments to develop residential financing programs for energy efficiency and renewable energy systems.

#### **PRESIDENTS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE** Southern CA Association of Governments

Recognized for creating successful publicprivate partnerships and economic stimulus by bringing private funding into communities.

## **HERO** Communities

#### **Fresno County**

Fresno Clovis

#### **Imperial County**

Brawley *El Centro* 

#### **Kern County**

Delano Kern County Unincorporated Ridgecrest Taft

### **Kings County**

Lemoore

### Los Angeles County

Alhambra Arcadia Azusa **Baldwin Park** Bellflower Bradbury Carson City of Industry Claremont Covina Diamond Bar El Monte El Segundo Gardena Glendora Hawthorne

Hermosa Beach Inglewood

Irwindale

La Verne

Lawndale

Monrovia

Palmdale

Pomona

Rolling Hills

Rosemead

San Dimas

San Gabriel

San Marino

Temple City

West Covina

Merced County

Merced County

Unincorporated

Mono County

Unincorporated

Mammoth Lakes

Mono County

Torrance

Walnut

Atwater

Santa Monica

South El Monte

South Pasadena

Montebello

Monterey Park

Rancho Palos Verdes

Rolling Hills Estates

l omita

La Cañada Flintridge

### Monterey County

Monterey Monterey County Unincorporated

#### Napa County

American Canyon Calistoga Napa Napa County Unincorporated Yountville

### Orange County

Anaheim Brea Buena Park *Costa Mesa Garden Grove Huntington Beach* La Palma *Laguna Hills* Newport Beach Placentia Santa Ana *Stanton* Tustin Westminster

### **Riverside County**

Banning Calimesa Canyon Lake Corona Eastvale Hemet Jurupa Valley
 Lake Elsinore
 Menifee
 Moreno Valley
 Murrieta
 Norco
 Perris
 Riverside
 Riverside County

Unincorporated San Jacinto Temecula Wildomar

### Sacramento

County Citrus Heights

### San Bernardino County

Adelanto Apple Valley Barstow Big Bear Lake Chino Chino Hills Colton Fontana Grand Terrace Hesperia Highland Loma Linda Montclair Needles Ontario

Rancho Cucamonga

Redlands Rialto San Bernardino San Bernardino County Unincorporated Twentynine Palms Upland Victorville Yucaipa Yucca Valley

### San Diego County

Carlsbad Escondido Lemon Grove Oceanside San Diego San Diego County Unincorporated San Marcos Solana Beach Vista

### San Joaquin

County Stockton Tracy

San Mateo County Menlo Park

Santa Barbara County

Lompoc

### Santa Clara County

San Jose

### Santa Cruz County

Scotts Valley

#### Solano County

Solano County Unincorporated *Vacaville* 

#### **Stanislaus County**

Modesto Newman Oakdale Turlock Waterford

### **Tulare County**

Visalia

HERO Communities as of May 2014

(Italicization indicates pre-launch phase)

## Get HERO

It's easy to bring HERO to your community. Learn more by visiting heroprogram.com or calling 855-HERO-411.



"Why HERO? It's made our community better by lowering unemployment, increasing environmental efforts, and boosting our economy!"

Mayor Rusty Bailey, Riverside, CA

"As HERO helps our residents lower their utility bills, San José furthers its sustainability goals by reducing energy and water use. Our economy and job market benefits from home improvement-related activity making it a win-win for all aspects of San José."

Kerrie Romanow, Director of Environmental Services, San José, CA