

Form No. 19  
APPLICATION FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE)  
PROGRAM  
FOR GROUP LIVING FACILITIES

**INSTRUCTIONS**

1. Read the information provided in this application.
2. Determine if the facility meets the eligibility criteria for a nonprofit group living facility. The facility must meet ALL criteria in order to qualify for the CARE discount.
3. Complete the entire application (please print or type). Nonprofit corporations must complete this application for all qualified satellites.
4. Attach all required documents. The application is not considered complete without documents.
6. MAIL TO: Bear Valley Electric Service, Inc.  
California Alternate Rates for Energy  
P. O. Box 1547  
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315

**Discount**

If qualified, a nonprofit group living facility will be eligible for a CARE discount on all rate elements of that portion of its bill for energy serving the residential end-users.

**For Homeless Shelters**

- Homeless shelters must provide verification to BVES that they provide at least 6 beds for a minimum of 180 days out of the year for persons who have no alternative residence.
- Homeless shelters operated in a government-owned or subsidized building by a nonprofit organization may qualify for CARE so long as the nonprofit entity is the BVES customer of record for the site, and a minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site is used for residential purposes (eating or sleeping).

**Individual Eligibility Guidelines**

- Each resident whose total gross annual income (taxable and non-taxable) from all sources is no more than 200% of the federal poverty level income guidelines and is not claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return
- Exclusions**
  - Publicly-owned and government-subsidized housing facilities are not qualifying group living facilities. A group living facility that would otherwise qualify for CARE would not be ineligible because compensation for room, board, or services is provided by a governmental agency on behalf of the resident under a disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Administration (SSA), or other governmental assistance program.
  - Facilities such as student housing and/or dorms, military barracks, fraternities and/or sororities are excluded.
  - The discount cannot be used to offset any direct governmental subsidies.
  - Any for-profit entity is ineligible

**FACILITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

The facility MUST meet all of the following criteria:

- The discount shall be used for the direct benefit of the income eligible residents in the facility (e.g., improved quality of care or improved food service).
- A licensed or appropriately permitted nonprofit establishment where 100% of the residents meet the Commission's existing CARE income eligibility standard for a single-person household, as shown on BVES' Rate Schedule No. D-LI.
- A minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site must be used for residential purposes.
- Homeless shelters, women's shelters, or hospices that would otherwise qualify but are not licensed or do not possess a Conditional Use Permit, may qualify. Such facilities may qualify provided adequate proof satisfactory to BVES is submitted and approved showing that its residents meet the CARE income eligibility requirements, and that its services are being provided to benefit income eligible residents.
- A nonprofit owner and/or operator of a government subsidized residential facility may be eligible if services besides lodging are provided to residents, and all other eligibility criteria are met.

**Certification Requirements**

- Facilities must recertify every two years to receive CARE.
- Nonprofit status of the corporation and/or facility, including homeless shelters, must be evidenced by including a letter of tax-exempt nonprofit status under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501(c)(3).
- Services provided to residents of licensed or permitted group living facilities must be evidenced by including a current certification from the appropriate state licensing agency or copy of Conditional Use Permit along with the application. Homeless shelters are not required to certify provision of services, but must meet the minimum operational requirements and provide, if permitted, a copy of a current Conditional Use Permit.
- Other non-licensed or non-permitted facilities must provide adequate proof satisfactory to BVES that its residents meet the income eligibility requirements, and that its services are being provided to benefit income eligible residents.
- Except for homeless shelters, the facility must provide proof of every resident's eligibility by completing a CARE application form (properly authorized by the resident). Individual documentation of income may be waived for those seeking lodging at homeless shelters.
- At the time of each certification, all participating facilities, including homeless shelters, are required to demonstrate to BVES that they have passed on the discount for the benefit of the income eligible residents. Reasonable certification shall include a statement of the dollar amount of the annual discount and an explanation of how those funds were spent for the benefit of the income eligible residents.

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