



The Weatherization Program

The Weatherization Assistance Program is a low-income energy efficiency program administered by the Department of Energy (DOE). Its purpose is to make the homes of low-income clients more energy efficient, thereby reducing the households' energy bills. The program also improves the health and safety of low-income homes. The energy efficiency and health and safety work is done using the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry. States administer the program in accordance with DOE rules and regulations. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act included additional funds for the Weatherization Program.

Eligibility

A household is eligible for assistance under the Iowa Weatherization Program if the household is receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Family Investment Program (FIP) Assistance, regardless of income or, the household's annual income is at, or below 200% of the poverty level, as established by the Office of Management and Budget.



Energy Savings

The annual savings per home, based on homes weatherized in the 2007 contract year, is \$394.

The savings-to-investment ratio is 1.8. For every \$1.00 spent on the homes, \$1.80 is saved in energy costs over the life of the measures.

Health & Safety Measures

- ❖ Inspect all combustion appliances and repair or replace unsafe furnaces (56% of homes) and water heaters (34% of homes)
- ❖ Install carbon monoxide or smoke detectors in certain situations (CO alarms installed in 42% of homes)
- ❖ Conduct a health and safety assessment of the home and provide information on risks of lead-based paint, and mitigate moisture problems

Other Non-Energy Program Benefits

These non-energy benefits include improved client health and safety conditions, reduced air pollution (reduces carbon dioxide emissions by an average of one ton per home), and retention of affordable low-income housing.

Congressional District 5:

Seven of Iowa's eighteen community action agencies provide weatherization services to low income children and families in Congressional District Five:

- ❖ **Upper Des Moines Opportunity**
- ❖ **West Central Development Corporation**
- ❖ **MATURA Action Corporation**
- ❖ **Community Action of Siouxland**
- ❖ **New Opportunities**
- ❖ **South Central Iowa Community Action Program**
- ❖ **Mid-Sioux Opportunity**

From April 1, 2009 through January 30 2010, 525 homes in your district have been weatherized using regular weatherization funding and **231** homes in your district have been weatherized using ARRA funding for a total of **756** homes. This is an estimated **\$297,864** savings in energy costs, (using the 2007 average energy savings per home).



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