

Weatherization Update

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Weatherization Assistance Program Funding

- The Program is funded from two federal sources:
 - Formula allocation from US Dept of Energy
 - Suballocation of HEAP funds through OTDA
- In 2008 \$67.3 million was available which was sufficient to assist more than 13,600 units
- In 2009, \$98.7 million was distributed, and will serve more than 15,000 units
- Recovery Act funds have provided another \$394 million, enough to assist at least 45,000 more households

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

- Recovery Act: \$5 billion for Weatherization nationally. \$394 million to NYS (largest in the nation)
- Average cost-per-unit limit raised to \$6,500
- Funding will be available through June, 2011
- Income limit remains at 60% of state median
- Recovery Act imposed new labor rules
- Significant increase in training resources
- Increased reporting and accountability rules

DHCR's Recovery Act Funding Plan

- \$190 million allocated to 66 sub grantees – at least one in every county.
- \$60 million for “Temporary Sub Grantees” targeting multi-family housing.
- Performance-based incentive pool
- Funding set aside for training, monitoring, administration, and technical assistance

How do I get WAP?

- Contact your local sub grantee
- Temporary sub grantees may also help
- Work is based on an energy audit
- WAP improvements must have 1:1 SIR
- Davis Bacon required for ARRA funds
- Other Requirements – MBE/WBE, SHPO, Lead Paint, etc

For Landlords

- ***WAP \$ is not Gap \$.***
- With some exceptions, tenants must income certify; at least 50% must be income eligible
- 25% Owner Investment required*
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Revised Owner Investment Policy

25 percent owner investment still required, for landlords, but:

- More flexible for small (1-4) unit buildings
- No investment required for subsidized properties, defined as those qualifying for 581-a.
- Investment may still be required to achieve required SIR

Other Changes & Initiatives

- The HUD list
- New Incentive Policy
- WAP information on line
- Using WAP with LIHTC

Green Jobs and Training

- NYSWDA and AEA
- Taitem Engineering
- Pressure Houses at Local Colleges
- Partnerships with OTDA, DOL and NYSERDA

ARRA Progress To Date

After 6 months (as of 5/1/10):

- 1,867 units completed,
- 12,571 under construction and
- 15,689 with energy audits completed and poised to begin construction –
- 30,000 out of our 45,000 unit ARRA goal complete or in progress.
- 581 Jobs
- Training for “Green Jobs”

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