



WEATHERIZATION IN NEW YORK

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WEATHERIZATION HISTORY

- Wx began in 1976, Congress allocated about \$225 million per year in 2000s
- Funded by Department of Energy
- New York receives about 8% of national allocation by formula
- Program is administered in NYS by HCR Office of Housing Preservation
- Funding blended with LIHEAP, which is now primary source of funds (about 83% of total)
- Both LIHEAP and Wx funds invested following DOE Wx rules (10 CFR Parts 440 and 600)

WEATHERIZATION IN NY

- Delivered by local subgrantees
- Reduces low-income household energy expenses
- Assists both rental and owner-occupied housing
- Strong emphasis on health and safety
- All work done by trained, certified workers
- Saves more than \$600 in energy costs per year, per household, on average
- Leverages millions in other funds each year

WHY WEATHERIZATION?



- 50% of US expenditures for heating and cooling are wasted due to inefficient housing
- Low-income households struggle with energy costs, often paying more than 15% of income
- Rental owners struggle with high operating costs and turnover in inefficient housing
- NYS has the oldest housing stock in US
- NYS has some of the highest oil and electric costs
- Experienced subgrantee network can coordinate energy work with many other program areas

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM RULES

- Subject to Federal program and fiscal rules
- Eligibility: 60% of **state** median
 - Additional eligibility rules for rental housing
- Priority given to HEAP clients, seniors, persons with disabilities and families with kids
- Can only do work determined cost-effective by energy audit, plus limited health and safety work
- Can only install materials listed in Appendix A
- Also subject to Federal and State financial, fair housing, procurement, administrative rules

PROCESS

- Program administered by non-profits and local governments (“subgrantees”)
- Subgrantee responsible for:
 - Conducting outreach and intake
 - Determining eligibility
 - Energy audit and work specification
 - Bidding and contracting with owner
 - Installing measures and managing construction
 - Quality control/quality assurance
- Energy audit determines work to be done
 - Views house as a system
 - Prioritizes measures by energy savings
 - Identifies energy-related health/safety work

PROCESS

- Quality assurance requirements
 - Extensive written guidelines – PPM Section 5.0
 - New field guide will be issued soon
 - Frequent inspections of work in progress
 - Each unit inspected following completion
 - All work documented and kept on file
 - HCR monitors all subgrantees, 20% of units
- Health and Safety
 - Lead, IAQ, asbestos, mold, etc. – see PPM 5.08.01
 - Must be **energy-related** if Wx funds used
 - Increased coordination with Healthy Homes Programs

WEATHERIZATION IN 2013



- Program funding about \$45 million
- 60 subgrantees
- Over 6,200 households will be served
- With the reduction in funding comes the need/opportunities for coordination

MOVING TO WEATHERIZATION PLUS



- HCR participating in national efforts to reposition the program for the post-ARRA world
- States have lots of capacity but limited funding
- Nationally, movement afoot to improve Wx image
- Four themes in Wx Plus 2015:
 - Communications – getting Wx’s message out
 - Leveraging – to maintain capacity
 - Consistent delivery of quality services
 - Existing and potential new markets
- HCR is also actively engaging the Healthy Homes network to explore additional service opportunities

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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