

Knob & Tube (K&T) Wiring Special Pilot Project

Iowa Weatherization continues to run a pilot project to help replace K&T wiring in weatherization eligible houses. At agency discretion, a licensed electrical contractor may inspect and certify all K&T wiring to be safe. In those cases, fiberglass and cellulose insulation are acceptable for use in contact with K&T. Live K&T, not certified as safe by an electrical contractor, will not be covered or surrounded. A dam that does not cover the top will be created using un-faced fiberglass batt to separate insulation from the wire path.

DCAA will provide up to \$5,000 per house to help with new wiring. Any costs over the \$5,000 limit will have to be funded with other sources. Some of those sources might be HUD, FmHA, housing trust funds, client contributions, etc.

There are some rules that go with this project.

1. Must be an owner/occupied dwelling
2. Must be completed by a licensed electrical contractor
3. Must be confident that weatherization work will be completed after rewiring project is complete
4. Limit \$5,000 special project funds
5. The \$5,000 special project funds are NOT included in the \$12,000 expenditure limit
6. Pilot project funds are available on a first-come/first-serve basis
7. These funds may be used to bring an eligible house up to electrical code – that might include new service
8. Agencies must gather bids and arrange for any additional funding necessary
 - Agencies must determine how to collect the additional funds and provide payment to the contractor
9. Agencies must then submit to DCAA the application for the Special Project funds
10. Once approved by DCAA, a HEAP Weatherization contract amendment will be issued to allocate those funds to the agency. It will be a separate line item in the HEAP contract
11. The costs will be reported in WAMS on a separate sequence number when the weatherization project is complete