

Iowa Weatherization Assistance Program 2014 Fact Sheet

Purpose

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.

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.

<u>Funding</u>		<u>Household Characteristics</u>	
Department of Energy	\$ 3,909,045	Elderly	31%
LIHEAP – Weatherization	7,960,215	Disabled	32%
Utilities	6,292,513	Young Children	22%
Total	\$16,552,052	Renters	23%

Energy Savings

The annual savings per home, based on homes weatherized in the 2012 contract year, is \$282.

Top Ten Measures in CY '12 First-Year Program, Client Bill Savings and Installation Rates

Measure	Average Savings	Percent Receiving Measure
Heating System Replacement	\$128	60%
Wall Insulation	\$95	63%
Unfinished Attic Insulation	\$67	44%
Open Blown Ceiling Insulation	\$52	79%
Water Heater Replacement	\$46	21%
Refrigerator Exchange	\$33	38%
Foundation/Crawlspace Insulation	\$22	42%
Infiltration Reduction	\$20	85%
Lighting	417	98%
Other Water Heating Measures	\$8	72%

Number of Homes Weatherized

Program Year 2013: 1785 homes Program Years 1980 – 2012: 138,545 homes

Health & Safety Measures

- Inspect all combustion appliances and repair or replace unsafe furnaces (61% of homes) and water heaters (58% of homes)
- Install carbon monoxide (84% of homes) or smoke alarms (62% of homes) in certain situations
- 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.