

Home Weatherization Assistance Program



**VERMONT'S
WEATHERIZATION
PROGRAM**

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Weatherization

Warmer, safer and more energy efficient homes.

- **Energy audit** to identify where improvements can be made
- **Energy renovation** (e.g., insulation, sealing up drafts, improving ventilation)
- **Coaching** on energy saving best practices
- **Referrals** for health & human services
- **Eligibility:** 80% AMI and below



<https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/weatherization>

Last Year (SFY22)

- ~ \$13m for Weatherization
- 1033 units weatherized (level)
 - 564 1-unit dwellings (167 mobile homes)
 - 121 2-4 unit dwellings
 - 348 5+ unit dwellings
 - *279 fewer units than projected*
- Average program investment per household: \$10,306
- Average energy savings, approximately 28.8% per household

<https://outside.vermont.gov/dept/DCF/Shared%20Documents/OE/O/WAP/Wx-Indicators-2023.pdf>

Last Year

Also:

- Whole home approach & “zero deferral”:
 - Addressed deferral issues with home repair & vermiculite remediation
 - Installed high-efficient wood and pellet stoves
 - Universal screening and installation for CCHP and HPHW
- Continued partnership with 3E Thermal multi-family (5+)

Challenges:

- 15% crew vacancy rates
- Significant inflation of material costs, particularly in core materials

This Year (SFY23)

- \$22.2m for Weatherization
- Expect 1436 units this year
- Represents approximately 39% ramp up
- ARPA Investments in Weatherization
 - \$2.1m in ARPA LIHEAP funds (through 9/30/23) for single-family home weatherization.
 - \$4m in ARPA SFR funds to address deferral issues, install heat pumps, and install stoves and multi-family Weatherization
 - \$45m in ARPA SFR to support above items + single family weatherization (through 2026)

This Year

Also:

- Continued statewide campaign for worker and customer recruitment
- Truck & equipment purchases to scale up program
- Statewide minimum wage requirements for crew positions
- Adjusted inflationary formula to consider prevailing wages and producer price index
- Currently at 9% Vacancy; 3 new staff at OEO

Scaling Up

	Actual Units	Added units	Increase over production over prior year
SFY 22 (actual)	1033		
SFY 23 current year	1436	403	39%
SFY 24	1880	444	31%
SFY 25	1990	110	6%
SFY 26	2080	90	5%
	<u>8419</u>		
SFY27	728	-1352	-65%
assumes inflationary increase in ACPU			
SFY23 – SFY26 includes BIL and ARPA funding			

Scaling Up

SFY22-26 Revenue Sources in millions				
HWAP & LIHEAP* (base)		54		
DOE (base)		8.9		
LIHEAP ARPA		2.1		
ARPA SFR		49		
DOE Infrastructure		14.7		
ARPA SFR Admin**		1.4		
		<u>130.1</u>		
SFY22-26 Revenue Sources in millions				
Core Wx Assistance***		114.7		
OEO Admin & Hancock Energy Software		4.2		
Trucks & Equipment		2.1		
Vermiculite, Home Repair, Heat Pumps, Stoves		9.1		
		<u>130.1</u>		
* assumes level funding from HWAP and "swap" with LIHEAP				
**Includes the addition of 3 limited service positions to support administration, training and monitoring				
***Includes direct funding to 3E Thermal for multi-family weatherization (5+ units)				