

Weatherization Assistance Program



The U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is the nation's largest residential energy efficiency program. The American Recovery Reinvestment Act funding has added \$70.9 million to Kentucky's ongoing program. The funding has increased the normal weatherization funding over 300 percent for a three year period that extends through March 2012.

WAP is designed to improve household energy efficiency and safety. The goal of this program is to keep Kentuckians warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and safe all year long.

Trained inspectors and crews retrofit housing for families living at or below the threshold of 200 percent of poverty at no cost to the family. The work includes sealing the exterior, repairing ducts, and replacing furnace and cooling equipment where necessary. It is common for a family to save as much as \$500 in utility bill costs in the year following the retrofit*. For families who are suffering through this deep recession, the savings and added comfort are an enormous benefit. For contractors surviving a 75 percent decrease in new home construction, the contract work this program provides is keeping their businesses and families from hardship as well.

Since Governor Beshear launched the Clean Energy Corps in February 2009, it has helped WAP weatherize over 3,100 units, saving an estimated 20 percent of estimated utility costs, putting dollars back into the state's economy while reducing our demand for new energy production.

The Weatherization Assistance Program is delivered to individuals across the state by the Community Action Kentucky through a network of 22 local Community Action Agencies. Louisville Metro Housing serves Jefferson County. If you are interested in applying for a Weatherization retrofit for your home, or you or your firm is interested in working on a WAP project, please search for the agency that serves your area by visiting www.kaca.org.



Odell and **Flora Runyon** qualified for assistance through the Weatherization Assistance Program and received much needed, extensive home-energy upgrades to their century-old home located in Richmond, Kentucky.

The program will save the Runyons on their monthly utility costs by replacing inefficient items with high-efficiency appliances—a refrigerator and a combination gas furnace/air conditioning unit, and new insulated windows and doors.



For more information about Kentucky's Weatherization Assistance Program, visit

www.kyhousing.org

*Result will vary for a number of reasons (i.e. behavior, climate, unit prices).



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