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# WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



# Weatherization Assistance Program

## Purpose

- Improve energy efficiency of homes occupied by low-income individuals and families
- Reduce monthly heating and cooling costs
- Improve the health and safety of homes
- Educate households on additional cost saving practices

# Program Overview

- Weatherization is a 100% federally funded program through the Department of Energy.
- The State contracts with four Community Action Agencies to Weatherize homes.
  - Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (Madison)
  - Grow SD (Sisseton)
  - Rural Office of Community Services (Wagner)
  - Western Community Action Agency (Rapid City)
- Funding formula for agencies is based on-
  - 90%- Low-Income Households in catchment area (Households at or below 200% of the FPL)
    - Family of four 200% FPL - \$55,500
  - 10%- Square miles in counties served

# Program Overview (continued)

- Annual State Plan required
- Funding amount for SFY 2023
  - \$2,235,257
- Projecting to Weatherize 163 homes
- In fiscal years 2019 – 2021, 495 homes were weatherized at an average cost of \$11,565

# Eligibility

- Income Guideline is 200% of the FPL
- Priority is given to households that have members that are-
  - Elderly
  - Disabled
  - Children under the age of 19
- Once a home is weatherized, federal rule states that a home cannot receive additional Weatherization services for 15 years.

# Weatherization Process

- On-Site Energy Audit
  - Specially trained agency staff conduct visual inspection along with diagnostic testing
- Post Energy Audit
  - Information gathered from audit entered into specialized computer software
- Installation of measures by agency staff or contractors
- Final home inspection
  - Must be completed by a certified Quality Control Inspector

# Weatherization Assistance

Weatherization measures may include:

- Weather-stripping of doors and windows
- Caulking and sealing cracks and holes in a building structure
- Insulating attics, walls and under floors
- Repair, tune-up or replacement of non-functional heating systems
- Incidental repairs necessary to protect the weatherization material

Health and safety of occupants is also considered:

- Testing heating systems and appliances for combustion safety
- Testing for carbon monoxide and gas leaks
- Monitoring for possible moisture damage or mold infestations
- Checking electrical panels and wiring for safety
- Replacing and/or providing tune-ups for unsafe heating systems
- Installing smoke and carbon monoxide detectors



# QUESTIONS



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# Thank You

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