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.
  o Inter-Lakes Community Action Partnership (Madison)
  o Grow SD (Sisseton)
  o Rural Office of Community Services (Wagner)
  o Western Community Action Agency (Rapid City)

• Funding formula for agencies is based on-
  o 90%- Low-Income Households in catchment area (Households at or below 200% of the FPL)
    o Family of four 200% FPL - $55,500
  o 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

Weatherization Works
Thank You

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