

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Resources is pleased to announce that Community Action Agencies, other public or non-profit entities may now apply to receive funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funded Weatherization Assistance Program. Additional information regarding the Weatherization Assistance Program can be found at <http://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/wap.html> Specific information regarding the RFP is below.

All applications must be submitted through the Department of Community Affairs System for Adminstrating Grants Electronically (SAGE). Previous applicants who did not receive funding are encouraged to review the revised guidelines posted in SAGE and modify their applications appropriately before re-submitting.

Access to SAGE can be obtained by following the links at <https://njdcasage.state.nj.us/Portal.asp>

Additional questions regarding the RFP can be directed to Nicole Burton at 609-984-3301.

PURPOSE OF PROGRAM:

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is designed to provide energy efficiency retrofits to low income households in order to lower the cost burden of utilities on those households. Under the ARRA the WAP is also intended to generate jobs for individuals from distressed neighborhoods.

AMOUNT OF AWARD AND SERVICE AREA:

The amount of any award will be determined based on the capacity of the agency and the need in the service area. The Department of Community Affairs, Division of Housing and Community Services has a demand for additional providers of weatherization services in the following service areas:

- Essex County
- Burlington County
- Cape May County
- Camden county
- Hudson County

Agencies with a presence in other service areas may still apply as there may be a demand for services in additional services areas in the future. A priority will be given to agencies that can provide services in the above areas.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:

Only CAAs, other public or non-profit entities which meet the criteria of 10 CFR 440.15 are eligible to apply for this grant.

ELIGIBLE PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS:

In order for a household to be eligible for weatherization assistance it must be determined that the household is either categorically or income eligible for assistance in accordance with 10 CFR 440.22, as clarified by WPN 10-18 and Weatherization Policy Manual Chapter 1, Eligibility. Copies of these documents can be obtained by contacting Angie Armand at aarmand@dca.state.nj.us.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

The WAP provides energy efficiency retrofits to eligible households. The measures for any single household receiving weatherization services must be supported by a priority audit or an energy audit performed on the unit. The accepted energy audits are EA-QUIP for multifamily dwellings, NEAT for single family dwellings, and MHEA for manufactured housing.

ADDITIONAL FACTORS:

In addition to the above, an acceptable application must identify the following:

- Individuals or entities that will be responsible for performing energy audits and quality assurance audits. This can be set forth in the “Agency Capacity” section of the application, or as part of the personnel section.
- The agencies past experience in performing energy efficiency retrofits or related experience. This information should be set forth in the “Agency Capacity” section.
- Available vehicles and technical equipment to perform all aspects of the program. The purchase of technical equipment and acquisition of vehicles should be set forth in the “Agency Capacity” section. Agencies with substantial need to acquire vehicles or equipment will not be discouraged. Partnership between agencies with varying capacity is encouraged.