

## New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR)

### Weatherization Assistance Program Provider Directory

#### Overview

##### General Description

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps income-eligible renters and homeowners as well as rental property owners cut their energy use and lower utility bills through targeted energy efficiency improvements. In New York State, the Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR), an agency under the HCR umbrella, administers the federally-funded Weatherization Assistance Program, known as 'WAP,' through a network of 59 local providers (or 'subgrantees') serving all of New York's 62 counties. Since its start in 1977, WAP has assisted more than 588,000 households throughout New York State. Each year, the program assists around 7,000 households. The New York State Weatherization Assistance Program is the largest residential energy conservation program in the country. The program receives funding from the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Weatherization providers include community-based not-for-profit organizations, community action agencies, counties, and units of local government. To be eligible, a provider must demonstrate the capacity to administer the program and have a history of providing service to the community. Service providers are selected through an annual State planning process. Under contract with DHCR, providers identify eligible clients, evaluate housing units to be weatherized, install energy-saving measures, identify and mitigate health and safety concerns, supervise weatherization work performed by staff or subcontractors, maintain client and program files and prepare regular management and fiscal progress reports.

##### Eligibility

Households with incomes at or below 60% of state median income are eligible for assistance (see [Income Limits](#)). Families with children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities have priority. If a household contains a member who receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Public Assistance, Food Stamps, or Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) benefits, the household is *automatically eligible* for WAP services.

Individual households (such as renters or homeowners), landlords and housing developers can apply by contacting the WAP provider that serves their area. Weatherization assists both single-family and multi-family buildings. To serve multi-family buildings, at least two-thirds of the buildings residents (by the total number of units) *and* the building owner must consent to services. The Program also helps reduce energy costs of affordable housing developed or supervised by HCR. Affordable housing developers, property managers, and other housing and community development agencies are encouraged to contact their local WAP provider for more information. All services are provided without cost to the

occupant of the home; rental property owners, however, must invest funds toward the cost of weatherization of their property.

### Process

The Weatherization Assistance Program has four steps:

1. Households apply to the local service provider (or 'subgrantee') who determines eligibility;
2. The subgrantee conducts an energy audit of the home to identify needs;
  - a. Apartment building owners contribute towards the cost of weatherization.
3. The subgrantee weatherizes the home; and
4. DHCR inspects the home to assure the quality of work.

Based on the results of the energy audit, services may include, but are not limited to: sealing cracks and holes to reduce air infiltration; insulation of attics and walls; heating system repairs or replacement; hot water tank and pipe insulation; installation of energy-efficient lighting and refrigerators; window and outside door repair or replacement; minor repairs to ensure that the installed weatherization materials will perform correctly; and mitigation of energy-related health and safety issues, including indoor air quality improvements, correction of ventilation problems that can lead to mold growth, and identification of lead paint hazards.

### **Data Collection Methodology**

This dataset is a listing of the State's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) providers by county. Each provider self-reports their contact data.

### **Statistical and Analytical Issues**

There are no statistical or analytical issues.

### **Limitations**

None.