

New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal

Governor Paterson Announces Stimulus Funds Targeted to Cut Energy Costs for Low-income Residents of Multi-family Housing

\$60.3 Million Will Weatherize More than 9,400 Affordable Housing Units

Governor David A. Paterson today announced \$60.3 million in federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for weatherization projects that will work to reduce the energy burden on low-income residents in 9,431 multi-family housing units around the State.

"By targeting federal stimulus dollars to make the State's multi-family housing developments more energy-efficient, we can reduce energy consumption and residents' monthly utility bills, cut overall operating costs and make these buildings safer and more affordable," Governor Paterson said. "I applaud President Obama and the entire Congressional delegation for working to make this critical funding available."

Awards have been made to 12 new and existing weatherization assistance providers under the Division of Housing and Community Renewal's (DHCR) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). Weatherization activities to be performed include: adding insulation and making buildings more weather-tight, updating heating and air conditioning systems, replacing inefficient appliances, and repairing and replacing windows. Awardees demonstrated the capacity to move quickly to weatherize entire portfolios of affordable multi-family buildings that include, for example: Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHC) developments, public housing, supportive and special needs housing, Mitchell-Lama developments, and Housing and Urban Development (HUD)-assisted projects throughout the State.

DHCR Commissioner Deborah VanAmerongen said: "DHCR's Weatherization Assistance Program has been making the homes of low-income families more efficient and affordable for years. Under Governor Paterson's leadership, we are dedicated to the full utilization of this program. This stimulus funding will be used to address the specific need for weatherization in multi-family housing that is most in need of updating. Because of this stimulus funding, these buildings will be more energy-efficient and safer."

In addition to its existing network of providers, DHCR helped form partnerships with new subgrantees who have worked to identify and address entire multi-family housing portfolios.

Funding highlights include:

Weatherization Multi-family Building/Temporary Subgrantee Awards

Funded portfolios include:

- The Affordable Housing Conservancy will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and will receive \$2.7 million to weatherize 424 units of a combination of Public Housing, LIHC, and Section 515 in Orange, Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Additional funding will be provided by NYSERDA and project owners.
- The Association for Energy Affordability (AEA) will receive \$9 million to weatherize 1,253 units of supportive housing and project-based Section 8 properties. AEA is partnering with the Supportive Housing Network of New York to weatherize units in NYC, Rockland, Westchester, Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Additional funding will be provided by National Grid, NYSERDA and project owners.
- Community Environmental Center (CEC) will receive \$5 million to weatherize 730 units. CEC is partnering with the New York Affordable Housing Management Association to provide assistance to project-based Section 8 and other HUD-assisted properties in New York City.
- The Community Preservation Corporation will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and receive \$3 million to weatherize 418 units of multi-family affordable housing across the Central and Western NY regions. The portfolio they have targeted includes LIHTC, USDA 515, HUD-Assisted/Public Housing, Mitchell Lama and special needs housing in buildings with 20 or more units. Additional funding will be provided by NYSERDA, utility companies and project owners.
- Genesee Valley Rural Preservation Council will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and receive \$3.1 million to weatherize 477 units of the Rural Development Section 515 multi-family portfolio. This portfolio consists of 16 project sites in Livingston, Wyoming, Erie, Monroe, Orleans and Genesee Counties. Additional funding will be provided by the subgrantee and by project owners.
- The Interagency Council on Mental Retardation will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and receive \$4 million to weatherize 560 units in group homes in New York City, Long Island, Rockland and Westchester Counties, in partnership with Community Environmental Center. Additional funding will be provided by NYSERDA and project owners.
- The Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and receive \$15 million to weatherize 2,143 units of LIHC and HUD housing in New York City. LISC and Enterprise will form a partnership to deliver services and NYC's Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will provide support. Additional funding will be provided by HPD, NYSERDA, National Grid, LISC and Enterprise.

- New Buffalo Impact, Inc. will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and will receive \$3 million to weatherize 980 units in the project-based Section 8 portfolio in Western New York. New Buffalo Impact will partner with Buffalo Energy. Additional funding will be provided by NYSERDA and project owners.
- People's Equal Action and Community Effort (PEACE) will receive \$4 million to weatherize 800 units of Project-Based Section 8 housing in Onondaga and surrounding Central NY counties. Additional funding will be provided by NYSERDA, utility companies and project owners.
- United Way of Long Island will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and will receive \$3 million to weatherize 421 units in a portfolio of special needs housing, in partnership with the local Youthbuild program.
- The Urban Homesteading Assistance Board (UHAB) will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and will receive \$3.5 million to weatherize 491 low-income cooperative units in New York City, in partnership with Community Environmental Center. Additional funding will be provided by NYSERDA and by the cooperatives.
- The Westchester County Department of Planning will be designated as a temporary subgrantee and will receive \$3 million to weatherize 732 units in a portfolio that consists of Public Housing, Mitchell-Lama, LIHC and special needs projects. Additional funding will be provided by local public housing authorities, the Greyston Foundation, Children's Village, Fellowship Hall, Sharing Community and project owners.