

**House Committee on General, Housing and Military Affairs**  
**Recommendation on Weatherization Funding**

*[Excerpt from Feb. 24, 2016 Budget Memo to House Appropriations]*

“While GHMA technically does not have Weatherization in its direct portfolio, we know well the positive impact it makes in the housing of extremely poor Vermonters. A new boiler or new insulation makes an immediate impact on finances and health. We also know well that the controversy over funding sources has led to what seems a near permanent choice of under capacity for the program, and that we will not reach our goals of the number of homes to be weatherized by 2020 at the current pace. Low prices for heating fuel has helped diminish our capacity as well. We hope that a solution can be found, either in Appropriations or Ways and Means, that will increase funding in a way that is relatively painless. Like housing and like General Assistance, we know that the right investments pay benefits for years to come.”