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The Vermont Weatherization Program Funding Outlook

Agenda

Topic: Update on Weatherization funding, goals and capacity

Weatherization References

<https://dcf.vermont.gov/oeo/programs/wap>

[Weatherization SFY24 Annual Report](#)

Existing Weatherization Funding SFY26

- Vermont's WAP is a blend of funding sources in State Fiscal Year 2026 (SFY26)
- One-time federal funding (ARPA State and Local Recovery Funds, Infrastructure Investments & Jobs Act) helps to buffer any potential impacts of Federal Funding issues in SFY26
- ARPA State & Local Recovery Funds will be expended by the end of SFY26

Existing Weatherization Funding SFY26

- Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act (IIJA) -
 - Approximately 35% of the \$14.7 million multi-year award has been expended and depending on access to and utilization of other funds, we anticipate utilization of IIJA in SFY27 and SFY28

The IIJA grant period of performance has been extended through June 30, 2029

Funding levels (anticipated):

Steady Funding

- SFY25: \$22 million spent to weatherize 1,300 units.
- SFY26: same budget / goal. \$23million, 1,300 units
- SFY27-29: Similar goals, but dependent on IRA funding.

IRA (Inflation Reduction Act)

- DOE approved Vermont's "HOMES" program in September 2024. HOMES would provide \$29 million to support low-income weatherization through WAP. Program launch anticipated during SFY 2026.
- Vermont requires "Approval to Launch" from DOE. As of Jan. 1, 2026, Project Officers at DOE remain responsive and Vermont anticipating Approval.
- While nothing is certain,
 - With these funds, the program anticipates stable funding through SFY29 (June 30, 2029)
 - Without these funds, the program anticipates a reduction in funding at the end of SFY27 (June 30, 2027)

Home Repair & Vermiculite Funds

- ARPA funds have supported approximately \$900,000 a year on Home Repairs, and \$325,000 a year on vermiculite remediation, to avoid deferrals.
- After March 2026, the program will have approximately \$200,000 a year (DOE).

What are we doing?

- Tracking and assessing spending across all funding sources to ensure stable funding for as long as possible
- Communicating with Department of Energy, other states and national partners
- Working with Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Department of Public Service on potential future funding sources for Home Repairs and Vermiculite work
- Provide training and technical assistance to support community Weatherization Assistance Programs in weatherizing homes
- Opened a Training Center in Central Vermont.

Thank You

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