

Weatherization Funding Analysis Overview

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Weatherization at Scale: Goals

Ambitious goal: Weatherize 120,000 Vermont homes by 2030.

- **Weatherization remains an evergreen strategy.** It cuts energy use and bills, reduces GHG emissions, boosts heat pump performance, and delivers comfort & health for Vermont families.
- **Vermonters love weatherization.** Demand remains high and steady. Expanded incentives have worked in two ways: more Vermonters are participating than ever; and, with steady funding, Wx agencies & contractors have been able to staff up to meet that demand.
- **Yet long-term funding remains a challenge.** While one-time boosts have helped, weatherization needs steady, scaled-up, and sustained funding to meet Vermont's climate & energy affordability goals.



Weatherization at Scale: Analysis

What is the 5-year outlook for weatherization funding in VT?

- *What did we do?* Developed a comprehensive picture of anticipated baseline weatherization funding for residential projects through 2030.
- *Who was involved?* Worked with key partners — OEO, EVT, VGS, and the Department of Public Service— to gather insights and data.
- *What did we look at?* Reviewed WAP, TEPF, and EEC funding streams, plus one-time federal funding sources (ARPA, IIJA, IRA).



Weatherization at Scale: Glossary

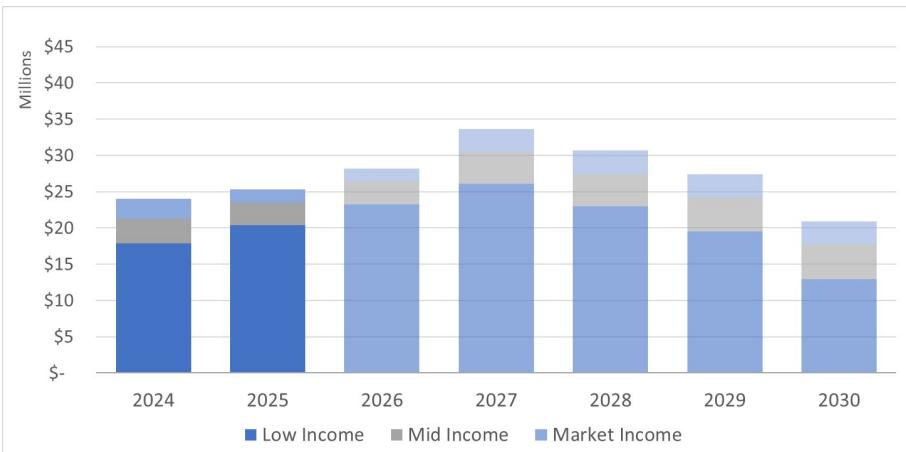
Name	Source	Primarily directed to:
WAP: Weatherization Assistance Fund	Recurring State funds from fuel surcharge, plus federal funds	Low-income households
ARPA: American Rescue Plan Act	One-time federal funds used 2022-2026 via EVT	Various income levels, including low-income households
IIJA: Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act	One-time federal funds used 2024-2027 via WAP	Low-income households
IRA: Inflation Reduction Act	One-time federal funds used 2026-2029 via WAP	Low-income households
TEPF: Thermal Energy and Process Fuels Fund	Recurring revenue from RGGI and capacity markets	Various income levels
EEC: Energy Efficiency Charge	Recurring revenue from energy efficiency programs at EVT and VGS	Various income levels, but mostly moderate-income and market rate



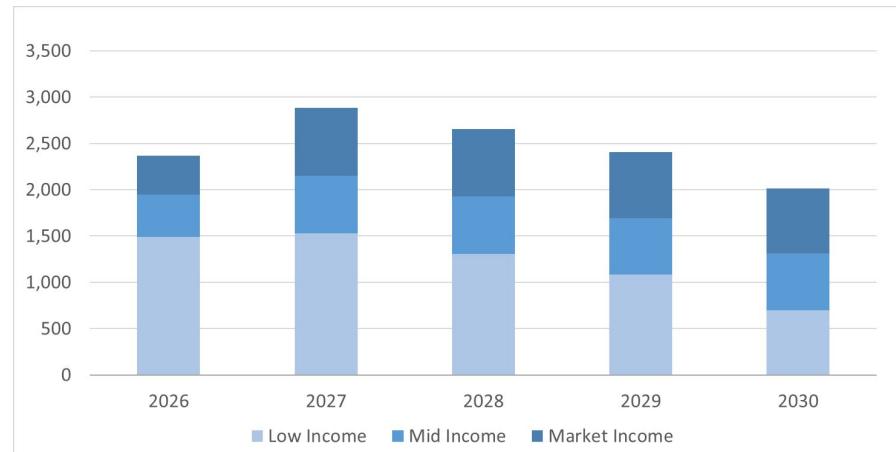
Weatherization at Scale: Outlook

Low-income funding declines after 2027 as one-time federal dollars phase out.

Estimated Wx Funding by Income Level



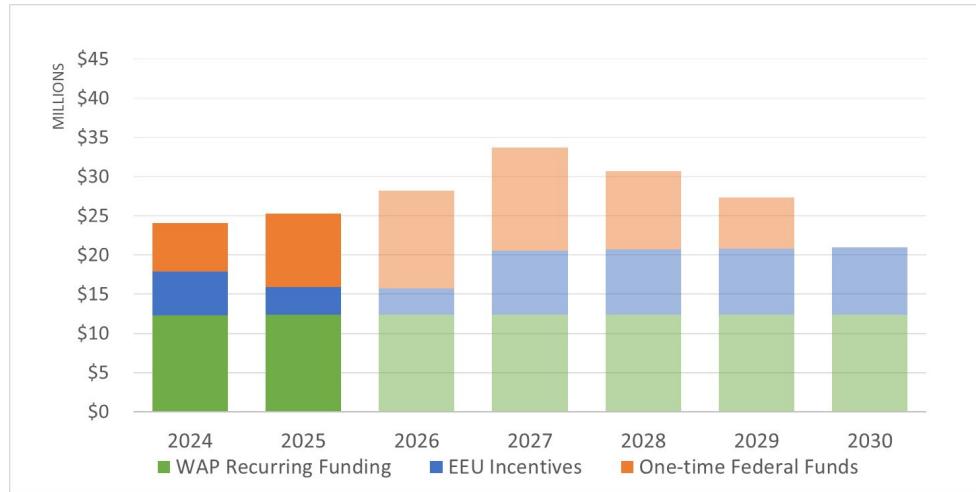
Estimated Homes Wx by Income Level





Weatherization at Scale: Outlook

Estimated Wx Funding by Funding Source

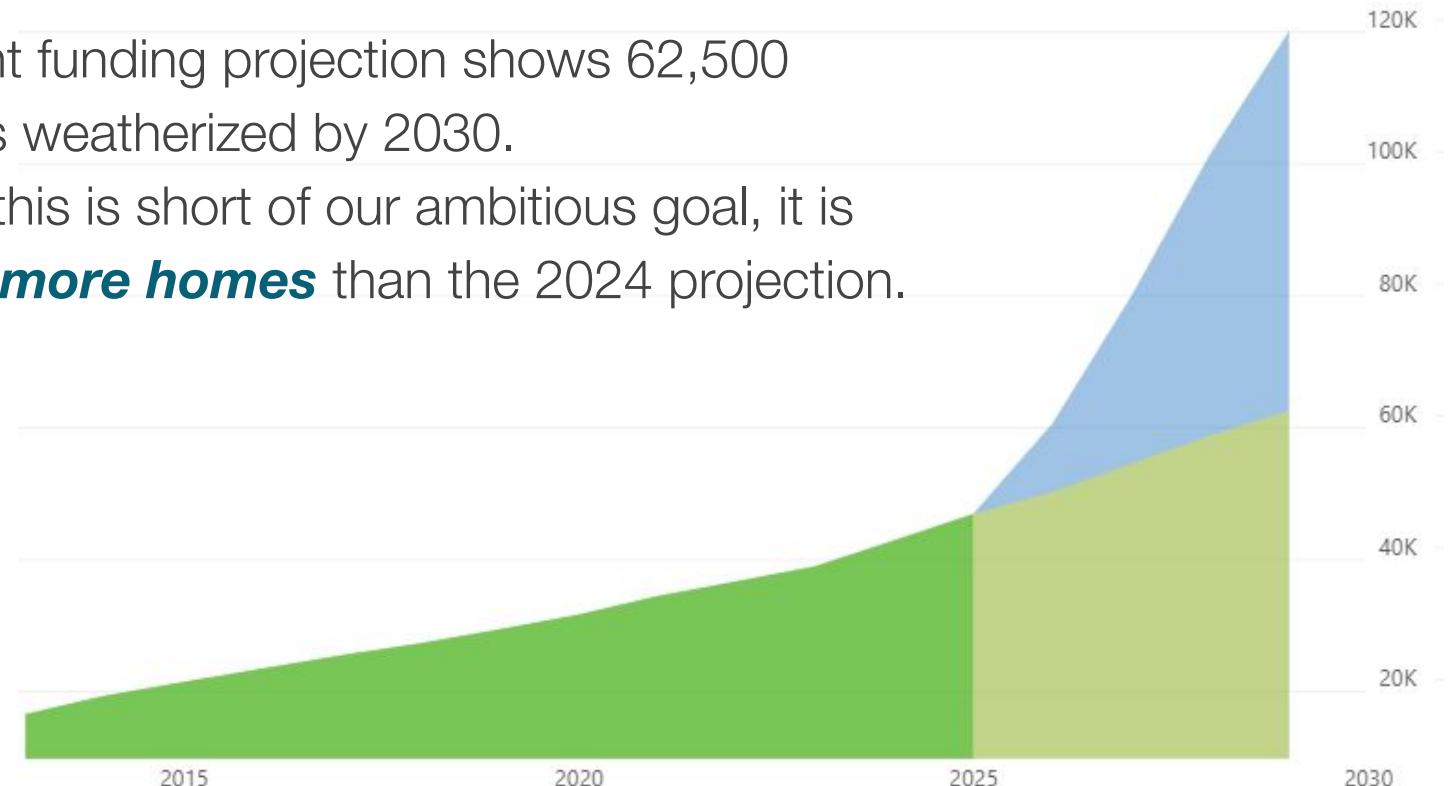


Current Funding by Income (thousands of \$)	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	5-Yr Total	%
Low	\$17,893	\$20,366	\$23,240	\$26,109	\$22,953	\$19,541	\$12,928	\$104,770	74%
Mid	\$3,318	\$3,127	\$3,177	\$4,423	\$4,539	\$4,634	\$4,755	\$21,528	15%
Market	\$2,827	\$1,801	\$1,726	\$3,119	\$3,178	\$3,188	\$3,246	\$14,458	10%
Total	\$24,038	\$25,293	\$28,144	\$33,650	\$30,670	\$27,363	\$20,929	\$140,756	100%



Weatherization at Scale: Progress

- Current funding projection shows 62,500 homes weatherized by 2030.
- While this is short of our ambitious goal, it is **2,000 more homes** than the 2024 projection.





Weatherization at Scale: Next Steps

Looking ahead

- LMI funding fades after CY2027 as one-time federal money is spent down.
- Federal rescissions of fully obligated state grants highlight uncertainty around IRA funding.
- After 2026, pre-weatherization (i.e., home repair) funds taper off, creating major barriers for LMI households.



Wx at Scale Coalition has many partners and participants: Burlington Electric | Community Action Agencies | CEDO | EastRise Credit Union | Efficiency Vermont | Energy Action Network | Energy Futures Group | Green Mountain Power | Regulatory Assistance Project | Rights and Democracy (Vermont Renews) | VNRC | VPPSA | VGS (Vermont Gas) | VHFA | Neighborworks of Western VT | VT Department of Public Service | VT Climate Office at ANR | VT Office of Economic Opportunity | VT Legislators | Vermont Passive House | plus interested citizens and many others.