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# Efficiency Vermont Weatherization

## Funding & Program Update

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# Weatherization funding – now & in future

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Efficiency Vermont weatherization program is an important statewide resource, with support for all income levels (plus businesses & rental property owners), and deep collaboration with WAPs, 3E Thermal, and VGS

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Since 2022 we have relied almost exclusively on ARPA to support LMI incentives; with federal funds expiring in 2026, it will be critical to use all available regulated funds to mitigate market shocks, to the extent possible

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Efficiency Vermont's 2027-2029 proposal to the PUC allocates funding for "pre-weatherization" home repairs in support of WAP and EVT customers

# EVT weatherization funding sources

## ARPA tranche 1

Federal funding supported an initial increase in LMI incentives 2022-3

## ARPA tranche 2

Larger tranche of federal funding 2024-6

Fund reversion reduced initial allocation by \$7M

Launch of home repair support

Launch of enhanced low-income incentive tier

## TEPF

Thermal Energy and Process Fuels funding, supported by Vermont's participation in RGGI and Efficiency Vermont's participation in the Forward Capacity Market

## EEC

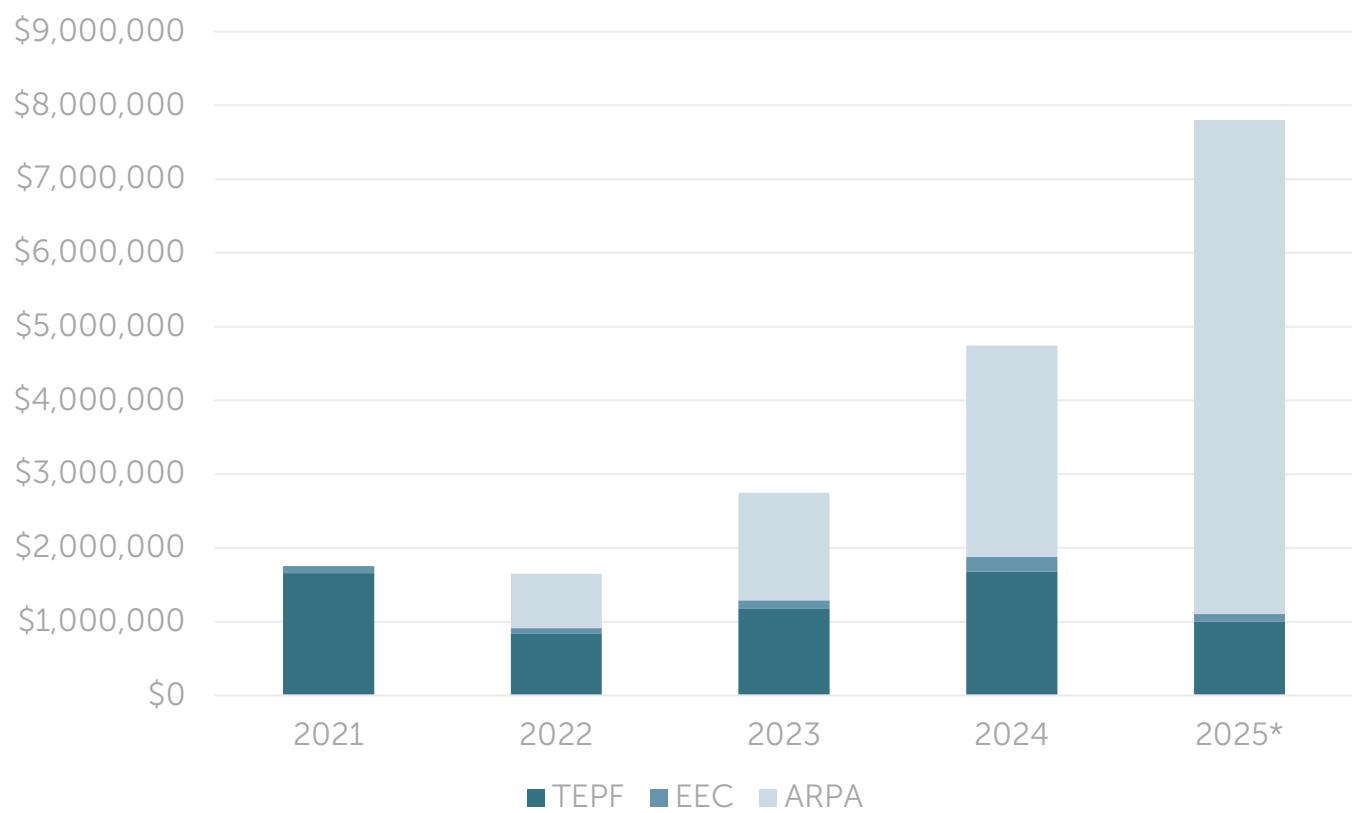
Electric Efficiency Charge funding – used only for weatherization projects in homes that are primarily heated with electricity

# Current state

## 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding enabled increased LMI support

- \*2025 only just ended – we don't have complete data to share yet
- With increases in project costs, incentives have been critical to helping LMI customers move forward
- ARPA funding ends in 2026 – customer incentives will decrease

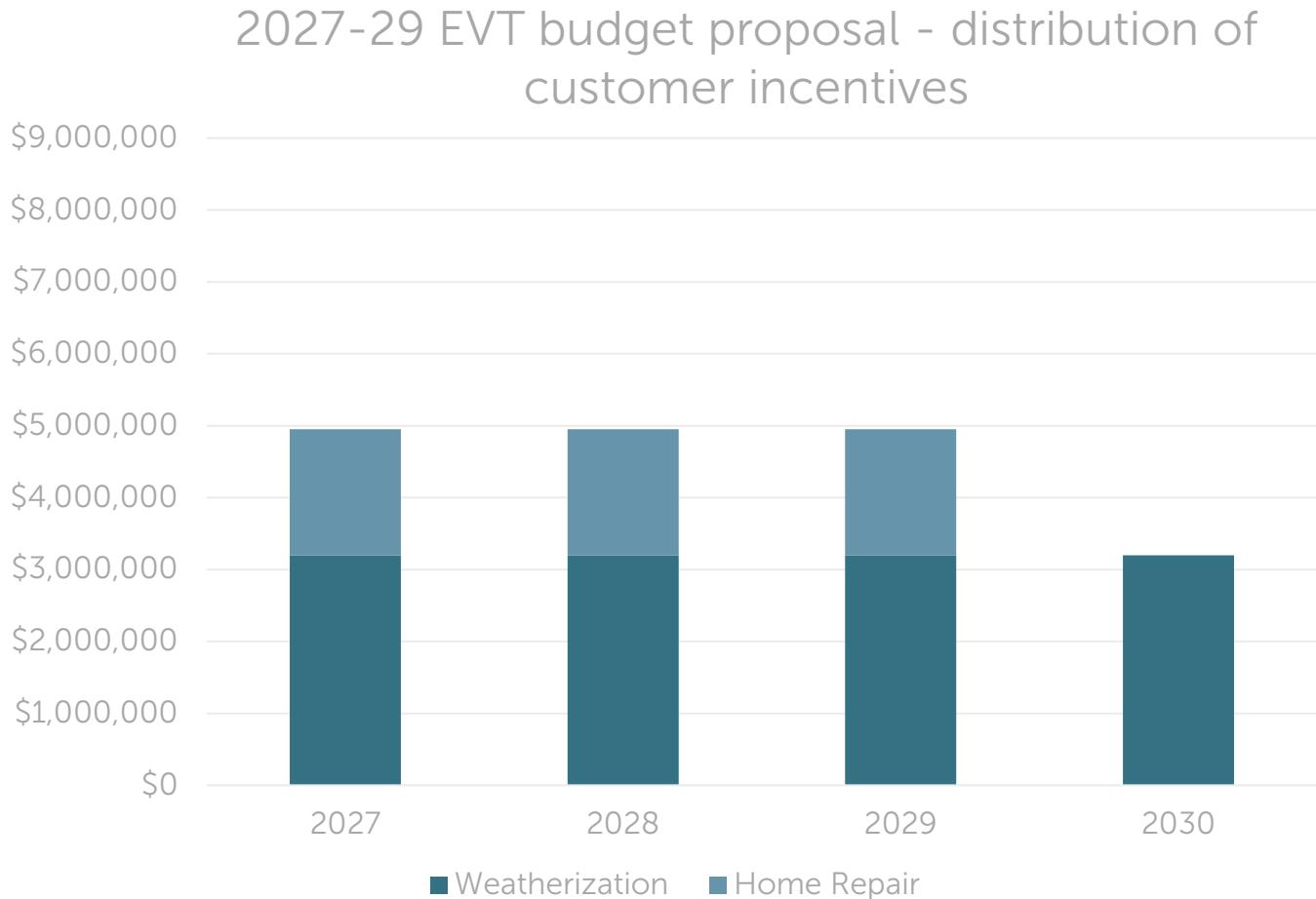
2021-24 EVT customer weatherization incentives, by funding source (\$M)



# 2027-9 Proposal to PUC

## Stretch resources to meet critical needs and minimize market disruption

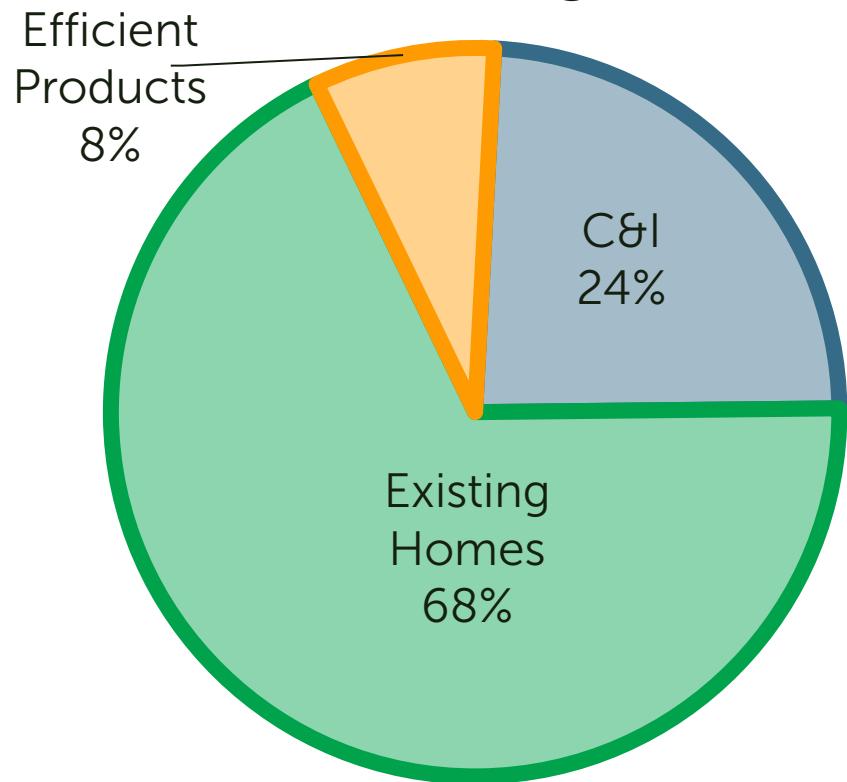
- \$1,750,000 annual allocation for home repair (\$1.5M for WAPs)
- Ramps down funding for customer incentives (necessary tradeoff for home repair funding)
- Relies fully on regulated funding, with no further federal support anticipated
- Seeks to maintain consistency for contractors and customers – to greatest extent possible



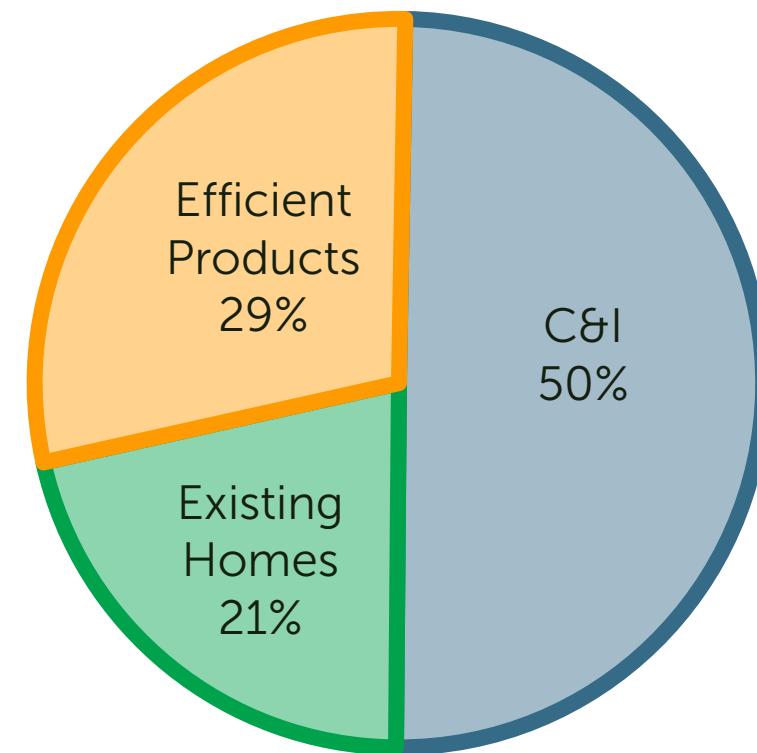
# Efficiency Vermont weatherization program overview

# Thermal Spending vs Thermal Savings

**TEPF Budget (2024)**



**TEPF Energy Savings (2024)**



# Our Home Performance with ENERGY STAR rebate

The rebate (while ARPA funds remain available):

- Low-income households: 90% of project costs back, up to \$9,500
- Moderate-income households: 75% of costs back, up to \$9,500
- Higher income households: 75% of cost back, up to \$4,000

Connecting with a Contractor

- **Efficiency Excellence Network contractors** are specially certified for exclusive access to Home Performance rebates
- These contractors are listed on the searchable **“Find a Pro” tool** on our website



# Removing barriers to weatherization

Our Home Repair program enabled weatherization in homes that otherwise wouldn't have been able to weatherize

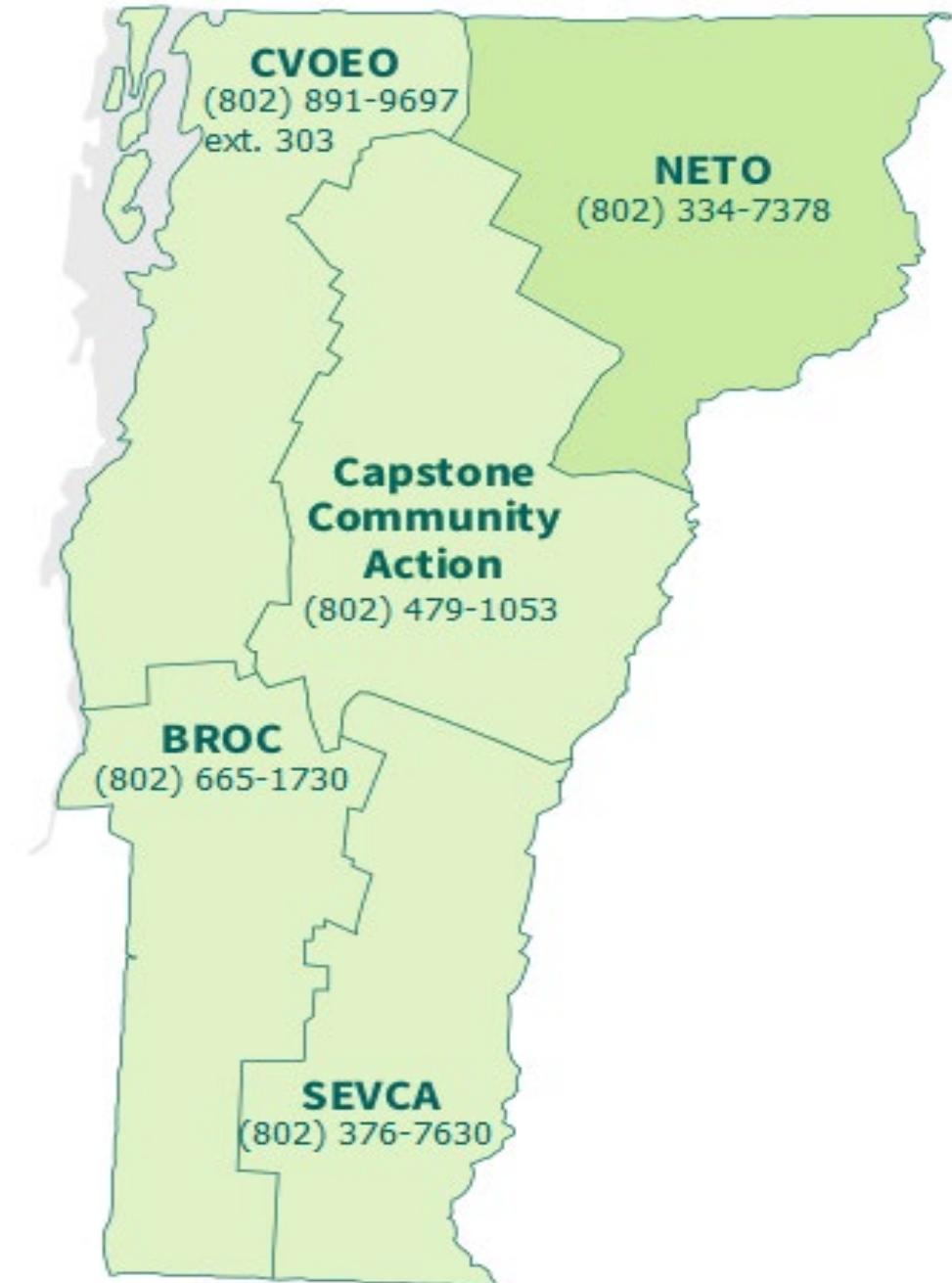
- Launched Oct. 1, 2024 for low- and moderate-income households
  - \$2.25M in ARPA funding
- Offered up to \$15,000 per household for home repairs deemed necessary to move forward with a weatherization project
  - Eligible repairs: roofs, plumbing, foundations, asbestos/vermiculite/mold remediation & more
- EVT Funds fully allocated as of April 2025
  - Funding still available to support WAPs



# Helping low-income households access free weatherization

## Partnering with the state's 5 WAPs (Weatherization Assistance Programs)

- WAPs offer free services for eligible low-income households (including manufactured homes)
- Longstanding partnership with 3E Thermal to allow them to go deeper with weatherization
- Customers connect to their local Community Action Agency and associated WAP
- EVT further supports WAP customers with rebates & programs to help reduce energy use



# Partnership with WAPs



## Ongoing Coordination

- Funding for WAP Energy Coaches: Ensures a seamless and comprehensive experience for WAP clients
- Regular engagement with WAP Directors, Coaches, OEO
- Promotion of WAP services on EVT website, mailers, and marketing campaigns



## Enhance WAP services and support

- Targeted High Use (THU) and Low-Income Electric Efficiency (LEEP) Programs
  - Fund appliances, lighting upgrades, and other electric efficiency measures
- Contract with 3E Thermal to enable them to go deeper (HVAC, weatherization, mechanicals) than supported by baseline funding from OEO
- Subgrants with 3rd-party funding when available (e.g., Home Repair Program)



## Technical Support and Innovation

- Provide tools and training to WAP staff
- Identify and support WAPs in helping their clients access new technologies
- Co-development and ongoing support of VIEW training center to address shared workforce constraints

# Questions?

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