

Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Programs

Program Fact Sheet

<p>Program Overview</p>	<p>The Low-Income Weatherization Program (WAP) provides weatherization and energy conservation services at no cost to households at or below 200% of federal poverty income level. The U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Bonneville Power Administration, and the Public Purpose funds (ECHO) provide funding for the program.</p>
<p>Program Description</p>	<p>Federally funded weatherization programs have operated in Oregon since 1979. Weatherization Assistance programs provide conservation services, health and safety repairs, heating system repair and replacement, base-load measures, and energy education to households.</p> <p>Currently, there are two federally funded programs: the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), and the U.S. Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE-WAP). Then there are two rate payer programs: the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the public purpose charge funds the Energy Conservation Helping Oregonians (ECHO) program.</p> <p>Local community-based organizations, including Community Action Agencies (CAAs), senior centers, and housing authorities administer the programs. Households may be placed on a weatherization waiting service list after making initial contact with their local service agency.</p>
<p>Eligibility Requirements</p>	<p>To be eligible a household’s income must be at or below 200% federal poverty income level.</p> <p>Income is based on all income in the household, for all members of the household, before any payroll deductions.</p> <p>Priority is given to seniors (60 years of age and older), people with disabilities, households with children under the age of six, high residential energy users, and households with a high energy burden.</p> <p>An agency representative contacts households eligible for weatherization and schedules an energy audit. An energy audit determines the</p>



	<p>appropriate measures to be taken based on the existing condition of the home and available funding.</p> <p>The local agency inspects completed work to ensure compliance with the program standards.</p>
<p>Services Provided May Include:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ceiling, wall, and floor insulation; • Energy-related minor home repairs; • Energy conservation education; • Air infiltration reduction; • Furnace repair and replacement; and/or • Heating duct improvements.
<p>Program Funding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United States Department of Energy (DOE) • United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) • Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); rate payer • Energy Conservation Helping Oregonians (ECHO); public purpose charge on Portland General Electric (PGE) and Pacific Power (PAC) customers' utility bills
<p>For More Information, Please Contact:</p>	<p>Households wishing to apply for Weatherization Services should contact their local provider at: Agency Weatherization Service Areas</p> <p>Toll Free: 1-800-453-5511 option 2</p> <p>Email: energyassistance@oregon.gov</p>