Minnesota’s Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program

A One-Time Quality Investment
- Weatherization is an average one-time investment of $7,669
- Annual energy bills are reduced up to 40%
- Weatherization improves the health and safety of the home

Strengthening Local Communities
- Weatherization is administered by 23 local service providers statewide
- Weatherization utilizes over 300 local contractors
- 2/3rds of the funding goes to Greater Minnesota communities

Serving Minnesota’s most vulnerable
- Eligible Minnesota households have an average energy burden of three times higher than non-eligible households.
- Priority is given to homes with occupants who are children, elderly, or have a disability

Leading Innovation
- **1970s**: Weatherization Program (WAP) started with air sealing, covering windows, caulking, weather stripping
- **1980s**: WAP added attic insulation, dense packing walls, improving heating system efficiency
- **1990s**: WAP added cooling measures, ventilation, high efficiency heating plant replacement
- **2000s**: WAP added lighting efficiency, refrigerators, more health & safety, solar hot water heating
- **2010s**: WAP added heat pump water heaters, solar electric systems, standard work specifications, certified quality control inspections
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- There are an estimated 519,617 income-eligible homes in Minnesota
- 53,378 homes have been weatherized since 2005 (with 19K served during ARRA)
- Due to funding limitations, only 9% of all eligible households have been weatherized since 2005

At current funding levels, it will take 291 years to weatherize all eligible homes

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# of income-eligible households

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# of households that have received comprehensive weatherization since 2005

*based on 2016 census data