

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS

OREGON MULTIFAMILY ENERGY PROGRAM (OR-MEP)

- Ratepayer resource – utility ratepayers of Portland General Electric & Pacific Power.
- OR-MEP promotes and facilitates energy-efficient design in new and existing affordable multifamily housing through design assistance, cash incentives, coordination with other regional programs, and education opportunities. (\$1.5 million)

BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION

- Ratepayer resource (\$1.5 million)

ENERGY CONSERVATION HELPING OREGONIANS (ECHO)

- Ratepayer resource – utility ratepayers of Portland General Electric & Pacific Power. (\$14 million)

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP WEATHERIZATION)

- Federal resource – United States Department of Health and Human Services. (\$5.25 million)

STATE HOME OIL WEATHERIZATION (SHOW)

- State resource - state assessment upon petroleum suppliers conducting business in distillate fuel oil in this state.
- The SHOW Program provides cash payments to low-income Oregonians who conduct energy saving upgrades and weatherization measures on homes heated by fuel obtained from fuel oil dealers. (\$200,000)

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

- Federal resource – United States Department of Energy. (\$2.3 million)

In June 2017-July 2018 OR-MEP and WAP served 2,582 households. The programs provide weatherization and energy conservation services at no cost to households at or below 200% federal poverty level. Other existing weatherization programs in the state are utility based programs for both electric and natural gas utilities.

UNMET NEEDS

Current programs are estimated to meet a small portion of the overall need in Oregon. Many of these programs are administered by our Community Action Agency partners, and current resources are unable to keep up with community needs. **With LIHEAP and OEAP combined, we are only able to serve 20% of those that are eligible for energy bill assistance.** The same is true for weatherization. Wait times for weatherization assistance can be over a year in some communities in Oregon.



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY & ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME OREGONIANS

As Oregon's weather become more extreme, keeping a home climate controlled becomes even more essential to a healthy life. Living without heat has severe health risks, particularly for small children, older adults, and those with disabilities. Energy efficiency lowers the costs of keeping a home comfortable, provides health benefits, and lessens the impact on our environment.

ENERGY BURDEN

When energy costs exceed 6% of household income, it leads to difficult decisions, like forgoing heat to pay for groceries and medicine.

LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS PAY A LARGER PORTION OF THEIR INCOMES IN ENERGY COSTS.



In 2017 Oregon households with incomes of below 50% of the federal poverty level paid **nearly a quarter of their annual income on their home energy bills.**

OREGON'S ENERGY BURDEN IS AN ESTIMATED **\$345 MILLION ANNUALLY.**

OHCS administers a number of programs aimed at reducing household energy costs and creating more healthy, energy efficient homes. Some directly address energy burden by providing bill pay assistance so families do not need to sacrifice critical household necessities in exchange for a safe, quality home environment.

Other programs address physical safety and reduce energy spending via home energy efficiency improvements through weatherization services and energy education. Weatherization not only results in persistent savings, it also ensures that our communities are using less energy, reducing environmental impact, and increasing household's resiliency to fluctuations in utility costs. The US Department of Energy reports that weatherizing homes results in:

- Fewer hospitalizations due to asthma
- Fewer work and school absences
- Fewer cases of hypertension, allergy, colds, and flu

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

- Federal resource – US Department of Health and Human Services.
- LIHEAP provides assistance statewide. (\$35 million)

OREGON ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (OEAP)

- State resource – utility ratepayers of Portland General Electric & Pacific Power.
- OEAP reduces service disconnections to PGE and Pacific Power customers. (\$20 million)

In 2017-2018 these programs served 74,466 households. The programs provide energy bill payment assistance to households at or below 60% of state median income.