

Community Action Agency & ARRA Weatherization Assistance Program

The Weatherization Program in St. Louis County has been in existence for decades and with the help of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), the program has grown exponentially. By 2013 CAASTLC expects to have weatherized 480 homes during the 2012 year. St. Louis County residents with incomes below the 200% federal poverty line are eligible for the program.

In addition to saving low-income St. Louis County residents money on their utility bills, the Weatherization program has brought more jobs to the area from new administrative staff to energy auditors and Weatherization contractors.

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Federal Eligibility Guidelines

200 % of Poverty		
Size of Family Unit	Annual	Monthly
1	\$22,340	\$1,862
2	\$30,260	\$2,522
3	\$38,160	\$3,182
4	\$46,100	\$3,842
5	\$54,020	\$4,502
6	\$61,940	\$5,162
7	\$69,860	\$5,822
8	\$77,780	\$6,482
Monthly amounts shown are approximate figures. For families with more than 8 members, add \$7,920 for each person.		



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The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) helps to reduce energy costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring better health and safety. WAP was created in 1976 to assist families lacking resources to invest in energy efficiency. The U.S. Department of Energy's funds are used to improve the energy efficiency of homes using the most advanced technologies and tested protocols available in the housing industry.

The energy savings resulting from these efforts helps our country reduce its dependence on foreign oil, decrease the cost of energy for families in need and improve the health and safety of their homes.

A home energy audit is the first step to assess how much energy your home consumes and to evaluate what measures can be taken to make your home more energy efficient. An assessment will show problems that may, when corrected, save you significant money over time.

During the assessment, we can pinpoint where your house is losing energy. Energy assessments also determine the efficiency of your home's heating systems. An assessment may also show you ways to conserve hot water and electricity.

Our professional auditors use a variety of techniques and equipment to determine the efficiency of a structure. Thorough assessments often use equipment such as blower doors which measure the extent of leaks in the building envelope and reveal hard-to-detect areas of air infiltration and missing insulation.

After the initial assessment, CAASTLC, Inc. staff determine the appropriate measures that need to be performed and a work order is generated. Professional, bonded and insured contractors, selected through a sealed bid process, then perform the actual work on your home. Each completed job must pass a stringent final inspection for materials and workmanship by one of the Certified Building Analyst professionals on CAASTLC Inc. staff.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Will my windows be replaced through WAP?

A: Windows and doors were once thought to be the main source of air leakage in homes. However, new information has proven otherwise. Although window replacement has not been eliminated from WAP, it has been de-emphasized and is now governed by a software program comparing cost to savings. Each home will be evaluated independently during the audit.

Q: Can I receive WAP services twice?

A: Homes weatherized prior to Sept. 30, 1994 are eligible to be re-weatherized.

Q: How much does the program cost?

A: WAP services are FREE of charge to clients who meet income eligibility guidelines. Low-income renters are eligible. Owners of rental property are asked to contribute to the upgrades of their rental units.

Q: How is WAP funded?

A: WAP is financed by the U.S. Dept. of Energy and through Ameren UE and Laclede Gas.

Q: How do I receive more information?

A: Visit our website at www.caastlc.org or by calling **314-446-4436** for more information.