



Pennsylvania Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program

The Program

Pennsylvania's Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) provides a cost-effective approach to lowering operating expenses, maintaining affordability, and creating healthier, more comfortable living environments for low-income families living in buildings with 5 or more units.

Benefits from WAP:

- Federal funds to upgrade equipment
- Reduce operation and maintenance costs
- Reduce utility costs
- Increase comfort
- Improve health and safety
- Preserve affordable housing
- Reduces pollution and the impact of climate change.



How Does the Program Work?

1. An energy audit of the property is conducted to identify needs;
2. The property is weatherized; and
3. The property is inspected to ensure the quality of work completed.

Please note that program funds are limited, and there may be a waiting list due to high demand.



Eligibility Requirements:

- Subsidized multifamily properties with HUD Project Based subsidies, Public Housing, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits ("LIHTC"), or USDA-RD.
- Or multifamily properties with a minimum of 66% of their tenants with an income at or below 80% of the Area Minimum Income ("AMI") or 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

Is There a Charge for Weatherization Services?

There is no charge to obtain an energy audit. The program can provide many green upgrades to multifamily property owners at little to no cost.



What is an Energy Audit?

A multifamily property energy audit is the first step to determining how much energy the property consumes and evaluating the measures that can be taken to make the property more energy efficient. An energy audit will identify where the property is losing energy and may save significant amounts of money over time when corrected.

Assessors will 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. Additionally, they will visually inspect the heating and air conditioning ductwork for air leaks, determine the heating systems' efficiency, check the water heater and its temperature setting, and inspect lighting, appliances, insulation, and more.

What Weatherization Services Are Offered?

Services may include but are not limited to health and safety measures, mechanical measures, and building shell measures, including:

- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system repairs or replacement
- Installing mechanical ventilation to ensure adequate indoor air quality
- Sealing of cracks and holes to reduce heat loss
- Insulating attics, floors, and walls
- Installing efficient lighting and appliances
- Repairing or replacing water heaters
- Installing water conservation devices
- Replacing or repairing windows
- Insulating hot water tanks and pipes



Who Funds the Program?

The Weatherization Assistance Program is funded by Pennsylvania's Department of Community & Economic Development.

Who is the Multifamily Service Provider?

Through a competitive process, ICAST (International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology) has been selected as the Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program implementer. ICAST is a 22-year-old 501c3 nonprofit that aims to provide economic, environmental, and social benefits to low and moderate-income (LMI) communities.

How to Apply

Email the Community Outreach Coordinator at PA@icastusa.org
or call (866) 590-4377

For More Information

Visit the program website at <https://dced.pa.gov/programs/multifamily-weatherization-assistance-program-wapm/>