

## Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program

The Maine State Housing Authority (Maine Housing) operates the Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). WAP is designed to help low-income households control their energy costs by installing weatherization materials and providing education on how to manage energy consumption. Property owners and managers can access these funds to improve their properties' efficiency, health, and functioning, directly benefitting residents and aligning with WAP goals.

### Benefits from WAP:

- Upgrade equipment using federal funds
- Reduce operation and maintenance costs
- Reduce utility costs
- Increase comfort
- Improve health and safety
- Preserve affordable housing
- Reduce 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.



### Is There a Charge for Weatherization Services?

There is no charge to obtain an energy assessment. The program can provide many green upgrades to multifamily property owners at reduced costs.

### 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 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

## Eligible Activities

- Energy audit
- Installation of weatherization measures, including caulking, weather-stripping, adding ceiling, wall, and floor insulation, patching holes in the building envelope, and ductwork, as well as the tune-up, repair, or replacement of energy-inefficient heating and cooling systems. Measures must meet specific energy savings goals.

## 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.

## Who Funds the Program?

Maine Housing operates the Weatherization Assistance Program with funds from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

## Who is the Multifamily Service Provider?

ICAST (International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology) has been selected as the Multifamily Weatherization Assistance Program implementer through a competitive process. ICAST is a 22-year-old 501c3 nonprofit that manages multifamily weatherization programs across the U.S.



### How to Apply

Email the Community Outreach Coordinator at [ME@icastusa.org](mailto:ME@icastusa.org)  
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### For More Information

Visit the program website at <https://www.mainehousing.org/programs-services/HomeImprovement/homeimprovementdetail/weatherization>