

**State of Connecticut**  
**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)**  
**Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)**  
*Fact Sheet*

***What is ARRA – WAP?***

ARRA is a temporary 3 year stimulus program that was signed by President Obama on February 17, 2009. ARRA – WAP began on April 1, 2009 and will end on March 31, 2012. It was designed to create new green technology jobs and assist low- income persons to minimize energy related costs and fuel usage in their home.

***What are ARRA – WAP's Goals?***

- Increase the State's activities related to the development of a "green" workforce.
- Create and retain an estimated 640 jobs.
- Weatherize approximately 7,500 units.
- Coordinate additional training through the Department of Labor, the Workforce Investment Board, and the Office of Workforce Competitiveness.

***Who Receives ARRA – WAP Funding?***

- Department of Social Services (DSS) will receive \$64.3 million dollars from the Department of Energy (DOE).

*WAP Sub grantees:*

- Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. (ABCD) - Bridgeport
- The Community Renewal Team, Inc. (CRT) - Hartford & Middletown
- New Opportunities, Inc. (NOI) - Waterbury, Meriden & New Haven
- The ACCESS Agency, Inc. (ACCESS) - Willimantic

***How to Apply?***

- Single application used for both fuel assistance and WAP, administered by DSS.
- Residents can call DSS Energy Services Hotline, toll-free, at 1-800-842-1132.

***Who Benefits?***

- Connecticut benefits in creating new green technology jobs.
- Low-Income persons are able to minimize energy-related costs and fuel usage in their homes.
- According to DOE, on average, weatherization reduces heating bills by 32% and overall energy bills by about \$350 per year at current prices.

***Who is Eligible?***

- Households within 60% of the state median income guidelines are income eligible.
- Priority is given to clients that are particularly vulnerable; the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children under 6 years old and high energy users.
- Dwelling units that were weatherized prior to September 30, 1994 may be revisited.

*Is this just a windows and doors program? No*

- Heat is lost through air leaks. According to the U.S. DOE, about one-third of air leakage occurs through floors, ceilings, and walls. **Windows only account for 10 percent of home air leakage.**
- In addition to finding the most cost effective weatherization methods, every home is checked for potential Health and Safety improvements.

*What work is most commonly done?*

*In order of greatest energy benefit:*

- Air-sealing; sealing any unwanted air leakage within the home
- Attic and sidewall insulation
- Heating system tune-up and repair
- Basement/crawlspace insulation
- Pipe and duct insulation
- Storm/Primary windows and door replacements (on a limited case by case basis)