

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009
Program/Funding Summary**

Short title: Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

ARRA Reference: Part A of Title IV of the Energy Conservation and Production Act – Energy Programs, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Funding by federal fiscal year:

Year	Total Florida State Budget Amount	Amounts to Local Governments (and/or local providers) Passed Through State Agencies	Amounts to Directly to Local Governments	Amounts Directly to Individuals
FFY 2009	\$175,984,474	\$69,008,945	0	0
FFY 2010				
FFY 2011				
Later Years				
Total	\$175,984,474	\$138,017,889	0	0

Funding by state fiscal year:

SFY 2008 – 2009				
SFY 2009 – 2010	\$175,978,209	\$69,008,945		
SFY 2011 – 2012		\$69,008,945		
Later Years				
Total	\$175,984,474			

Brief description of program or funding including funding distribution method (formula or competitive grant):

ARRA allocates \$5 billion for Weatherization Assistance Programs (WAPs) across the country. The Weatherization Assistance Program annually provides funds to community action agencies, local governments and non-profit agencies to provide specific program services for low-income families throughout the state. The mission of the program is to reduce the monthly energy burden of low-income households by improving the energy efficiency of the home.

The program is funded each year by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) and often receives supplemental funding through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which is funded annually through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

To be eligible for WAP services, total household income may not be more than 150% of the federal poverty level. Preference is given to owner-occupied homes, elderly (60 years-plus) or physically disabled residents, families with children under 12 and households with a high energy burden (repeated high utility bills).

The program can repair or replace heating and cooling units, address air infiltration with weather stripping, caulking, thresholds, minor repairs to walls, ceilings, and floors, window and door replacement, install attic and floor insulation and repair or replace water heaters. This is one of the only programs that can provide services for a manufactured home, as well as a site-built dwelling.

The USDOE guidance package for WAP was published on March 12, 2009, and is available at http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/pdfs/wap_recovery_act_foa.pdf. Provisions that are changed under the stimulus program are:

- Eligible income must not exceed 200% of the federal poverty level (up from 150% in current program).
- Maximum amount to be spent per dwelling unit increased from \$2,500 to \$6,500.

Funding is distributed through a formula directed by the USDOE and is based upon the low-income population of the state in comparing the low-income population of each county and factors in the number of heating and cooling days in each of the three climate zones of the state.

When funds were made available:

USDOE obligated the ARRA funds based on the following milestones:

- 10% of total allocation after the initial application was submitted on March 23, 2009. On April 10th, USDOE allocated \$17,598,447 to the state.

- 40% of total allocation was approved after submission of the USDOE Comprehensive Application on May 12, 2009. USDOE approved the State Plan on June 18, 2009, and \$70,393,790 was transmitted to DCA.

Remaining balance (50%) of total allocation may be released after mid-grant period – release based on USDOE review of progress in obligating funds, complying with all reporting requirements, and creating jobs.

How long are funds available: Until March 31, 2012

Conditions or prerequisites for accessing funds (include matching or MOE requirements):

March 23, 2009 - Weatherization Assistance Program (*completed*)

Initial Application and completion of SF 424 - Application for Federal Assistance

Comment: This is an initial application and registration.

May 12, 2009 - Weatherization Assistance Program (*completed*)

Comprehensive Application Package due.

Comment: Comprehensive application includes SF424, Project Performance Site Locations, and the following attachments: State Plan, SF424A File, Budget Justification File, Sub-award Files, and SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable). DCA was required to conduct a public hearing prior to submission of the comprehensive application. The public hearing was held on April 28, 2009 in Tampa, Florida.

No state match or MOE requirement in ARRA.

Federal agency: United States Department of Energy

State agency: Department of Community Affairs

If there is a link to a federal web site that describes the program or funding include here:

<http://www.energy.gov/energyefficiency/weatherization.htm>

Technical Information may also be found at the Weatherization Assistance Program / Technical Assistance Center (WAP/TAC) which is sponsored by DOE: <http://waptac.org/>

If there is a link to a state web site that describes the program or funding, include here:

<http://www.floridacommunitydevelopment.org/wap/index.cfm> - Existing WAP Program information

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