



## Low Income Weatherization Program

(Program Factsheet)

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### Program Overview

The Low Income Weatherization (LIW) Program is funded as a result of Legislative action in the 1999-2001 session. Funds can be used to increase the efficiency of heating and other uses of energy in multifamily housing through the installation of energy-efficient insulation, windows, appliances, light fixtures and other energy-reducing activities.

### Program Description

Applications for the Low Income Weatherization (LIW) Program are accepted twice a year during the department's Consolidated Funding Cycle (CFC).

A construction or rehabilitation activity must demonstrate measurable cost-effective energy conservation to be considered eligible for the LIW Program funding. As a whole, projects awarded LIW funds during the CFC must show first year savings equal to or greater than one kilowatt-hour saved for each program dollar spent. The CFC application provides a process to guide the applicant through their determination of eligible activities and projected kilowatt savings.

### Program and Eligibility Requirements

Funds are awarded as a grant. Grants in excess of \$100,000 may be awarded on:

- An as-needed basis and when kilowatt savings are demonstrated,
- If adequate resources are available and,
- With State Housing Council approval.

The project receiving a LIW grant must remain affordable for at least 10 years. The sponsor must agree to enter into a Financial Assistance Agreement with the department and to record against the project's property a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants and Equitable Servitude to assure continuing compliance with all affordability requirements of the program.

Eligible projects must be located in the PP&L or PGE service areas. OHCS at times will have funding available for projects in Public Utility Districts (PUD). Please refer to the CFC application to see if funding for PUD areas is available.





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Only projects using electric heating sources are eligible for shell measures such as insulation, high efficiency electrical heating systems, windows and other weatherization measures. Regardless of heating source, upgrades of base load activities such as refrigerators, water heaters, washers and lighting in common areas are eligible uses of the funding source.

At least one-half of the units in the project must be rented to households whose income is at or below 60 percent of the HUD-defined area median income.

Eligible applicants include for-profit businesses, private individuals, local government entities and nonprofit corporations and organizations including, but not limited to, cities, counties, and housing authorities.

### For More Information

To talk with someone about developing affordable housing in your area, contact a [Regional Advisor to the Department](#) or call 503.986.2000.

OHCS is the state housing finance agency, providing financial and program support to create and preserve opportunities for quality, affordable housing for lower income Oregonians. The agency also administers federal and state antipoverty, homeless and energy assistance community service programs.

