

**Office of Community Assistance
Leveraging OCA Energy Resources**

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Mission Statement: Within the scope of the Department's mission, the Office of Community Assistance (OCA) works to assist low-income Ohioans in achieving self sufficiency and a better quality of life through the provision of energy assistance, energy efficiency measures and other essential social services.

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Office of Community Assistance Programs

CSBG – The Community Services Block Grant

HEAP – The Home Energy Assistance Program

PIPP Plus – The Percentage of Income Payment Plan

EPP – The Electric Partnership Program

HWAP – The Home Weatherization Assistance Program

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Electric Partnership Program



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Electric Partnership Program

- The Electric Partnership Program (EPP) is designed to improve the electric efficiency of low-income households who have a high electric usage and who participate in PIPP Plus by performing in-home audits and installing appropriate electric base load and thermal energy efficiency measures.
- Households enrolled in electric PIPP Plus and have high energy use are contacted by an authorized provider of EPP services. EPP services are available in the Ohio Investor owned Utility Territories:
 - American Electric Power
 - Dayton Power and Light
 - Duke Energy
 - FirstEnergy

**The USF provides about \$15 Million
Annually for the EPP**



Electric Partnership Program

The EPP is composed of two types of services:

1. A base load efficiency program which audits lighting, appliances and all other uses of electricity not related to heating, and installs appropriate measures; and,
2. A weatherization program for those who heat with electricity and who have moderate to high usage. This program adds insulation, performs heating system inspections and addresses health & safety measures.

Electric Partnership Program

Both programs include an education component. This component varies in intensity on the client's electric consumption and other factors. Education focuses on how much energy home devices use and actions the client can take to reduce this usage. Education will be in the form of one of the following:

- In-home Visits
- Workshops
- Materials by Mail

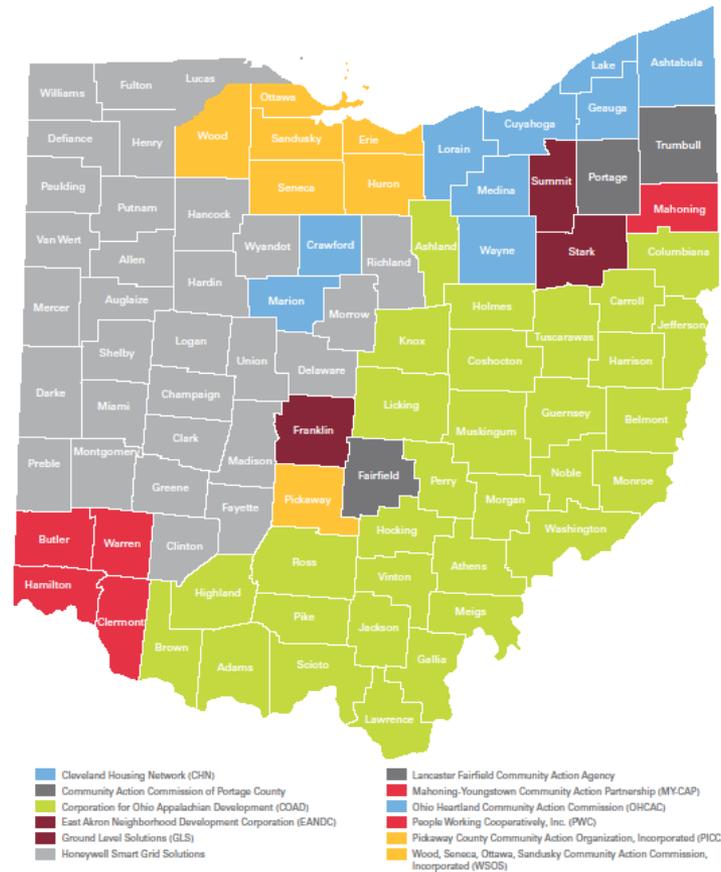
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Electric Partnership Program Service Providers

Ohio Development
Services Agency

John R. Kasich, Governor David Cookman, Director



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Home Weatherization Assistance Program



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Home Weatherization Assistance Program

The Ohio Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) is an energy assistance program designed to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low income Ohioans, reduce participants household energy expenditures, and improve participants health and safety. Services may include:

- Tune-up/repair of combustion appliances
- Insulation of attics
- Insulation of sidewalls
- Sealing of heating ducts
- Insulation of floors or foundation perimeter
- Reduction of air leakage from major sources
- Personalized energy management plan and information on how to control humidity in you home.

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Home Weatherization Assistance Program

- This federally funded program is designed to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low income households.
- The program reduces participants household energy expenditures and at the same time improves participants health and safety.
- Weatherization providers conduct tests, seal and insulate attics and sidewalls and take other steps to make sure the home is operated safely and efficiently including educating customers.
- All applied measures in this program must have a savings to investment ratio of 1. On average for every dollar invested in the program there is a \$2.51 return.
- Income levels at or below 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines.

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Home Weatherization Assistance Program



HWAP is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Approximately **\$30 Million is available for Ohio Program Year 2014.**



Showcasing Weatherization

Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency

Leveraged Funds: Columbia Gas Warm Choice, Community Housing Improvement Program

- **Synopsis:** The roof on this Bremen home was leaking and damaged with no gutters or downspouts on the home.
- Small interior gas leaks were detected and carbon monoxide hazards were found, including an unvented natural gas space heater and a vented space heater with cracks in the heat exchanger.
- Funding was combined to address all health and safety issues in the home leaving it safer, warmer and more comfortable for low-income client.
- This home demonstrates best practices in identifying dangerous health and safety conditions, eradicated them using leveraged funding sources to prevent a weatherization deferral.
- Client was served because the program sources worked together.

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Showcasing Weatherization

Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission

Leveraged Funds: Toledo Edison Community Connections , Ohio Housing Trust Fund, Emergency Home/ Modifications and Handicap Accessibility Program

Carol M. Peterson Home Repair Program

Synopsis: The elderly client in Defiance was living with her daughter most of time because of safety issues in her home.

- The agency was able to weatherize her home, update the electrical wiring, replace the hot water heater, and provide a new 90+ heating unit.
- These measures have made it possible for the client to remain safely in her own home.



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- Additionally , this home was used by the Ohio Weatherization Training Center to train future weatherization crew members on basic weatherization tactics.
- Thank you notes, handwritten, were provided by both the client and her daughter. This home demonstrates best practices because the elderly client was able to return to her home, living independently, because of the work performed.



Showcasing Weatherization

Corporation for Appalachian Development Leveraged Funds: Columbia Gas Warm Choice, American Electric, Ohio Housing Trust Fund Housing Assistance Grant, USDA Rural Development 504 Grant

- **Synopsis:** Two community action agencies successfully worked together to complete the work necessary on this home in Newcomerstown.
- Kno-Ho-Co Ashland Community Action leveraged funding to make necessary repairs, making it possible for HarCaTus Tri-County Community Action to provide weatherization.
- Home logged an air leakage reduction of 56 percent, vastly improving the efficiency of the home.
- The slate roof was replaced and a dangerous, unused chimney was removed.
- The flexibility of these two programs resulted in a safer and more energy efficient home for the eligible client. This collaboration demonstrates the best practice of working together across borders in the best interest of the client.
- In addition, the reduction in air leakage resulted in a considerable benefit to the client with a savings in energy costs.

Questions?

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