



Transcript --- Weatherization --- How Builders Can Find Stimulus Dollars

Weatherization, particularly the Weatherization Assistance Program, is a federal program that's been in existence for quite a while, it helps low-income houses weatherize; increase the energy efficiency of their houses. It includes a range of activities, from adding insulation, doing blower air door tests, etc... There's an enormous amount of energy efficiency gains that can be made in the existing residential housing stock, at the same time as easing the energy cost burden for consumers, for anyone whose house is being weatherized. It reduces their daily energy bills and their monthly costs. We help strengthen the economy across the board. ... see where the leaks might be, and then caulking and filling those leaks... to a number of other improvements that they can do.

The money moves through a system... it's a formula system that moves from the federal government to state governments, and from state governments to local distribution agencies. There are over 900 different local non-profit and governmental organizations that help distribute [the work] through agencies and do subcontracting. So you have a list of established providers that are energy service companies; who'll do all of the work for you. You can find all of this on the Weatherization Assistance Program website, which will help you find your local agency, find the right contact, and give you all the information you need to know.

Before the Recovery Act, the Weatherization Assistance Program was limited to spending about \$2,500 per home. But as a result of the Recovery Act, we're now up to \$6,500—so a significant amount of work can be done [per home].