

Source of Weatherization Funding

The Utah Weatherization Assistance Program has been successful in leveraging funding from five different primary sources to not only complete more Weatherization projects, but to expand the scope and type of Weatherization services that can be offered. For the program year of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 the following funding is available for home weatherization:

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE): This grant is the core funding for the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program since 1976. It provides funding for home Weatherization, crew training, health & safety measures, contractor liability insurance, and financial audits. DOE funds are ongoing with awards occurring annually each July.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): 10-15% of the LIHEAP grant is allocated to Weatherization for home Weatherization and energy crisis activities. LIHEAP funds are ongoing with awards occurring annually each October.

Questar Gas: The Utah Public Service Commission has approved a Weatherization program where Questar Gas Corporation would contribute annually to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program. Questar Gas customers will receive natural gas appliance inspections and safety tests, equipment tune-ups, gas appliance repairs and furnace replacements.

Rocky Mountain Power: The Utah Public Service Commission has approved a Weatherization program where Rocky Mountain Power would contribute annually to the Utah Weatherization Assistance Program. Rocky Mountain Power customers will receive measures that will result in electrical base load reductions. Rocky Mountain Power funds are used for full Weatherization of all electric homes, compact florescent lights, various cooling measures and refrigerator replacements.

State of Utah: The State of Utah provides funds through the Division of Housing & Community Development to match contributions by Questar Gas and Rocky Mountain Power.

Local Weatherization Agencies: The eight local Weatherization agencies leverage other program funds with Weatherization funding to provide a more comprehensive package of measures to both save energy and provide basic home improvement. These local agencies also may provide labor, office space, and other administrative support to the program as a part of their agency budget that is outside of Weatherization funding.

Other corporate and private sponsors: The Utah Weatherization program also works closely with the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund to complete the rehabilitation of homes on the Utah side of the Navajo Reservation. Contributions from religious, private and governmental entities are used to preserve affordable housing on the Navajo Reservation in Utah. Once the rehabilitation work is completed, Weatherization then steps in and completes their energy conservation work.