

# Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity - Low Income Programs

## March 28 – 29 Stakeholder Questions On Draft Potential Studies Follow-up

The Budget freeze impacted PY7 grants from January to April, 2015. We were not able to process new grants, losing time with the grant application period under the Affordable Housing New Construction Program. Since spring is the height of the construction period, the Affordable Housing Program was not able to get several new projects started in order to complete within the allowed timeframe and subsequently demonstrate the ability to show energy savings. Residential Retrofit also had challenges during this time. The PHA program was somewhat affected because housing authority spending was limited, reducing the amount of projects that could be done in the time frame.

### 2. **More Detail Low Income Programs - EPY7/GPY4 Data Used**

- How many low-income weatherization implementers? Who are they?
  - 1) *Implementers for Residential Retrofit: Elevate, Historic Chicago Bungalow Association, Affordable Housing Continuum, The Black United Fund of IL, Hispanic Housing Dev. Corp., and Residential Options.*
  - 2) *Weatherization: Department’s Office of Energy Assistance*
  - 3) *Efficient Living - PHA program is implemented by the UIUC.*
- How many participants/year? – *See Table 1.*
- Average cost per participant – *See Table 1.*
- Average savings per participant (how were savings determined)? *Ex post.*

Table 1 PROGRAMS EPY7/GPY4		Average Per Unit		
		Housing Units	Cost	kWh Savings
Public Housing	7,050	\$501	168	11
AHNCP	1,170	\$4,334	1,038	28
Residential Retrofit	10,325	\$456	441	25

*Source: EPY7/GPY4 Final expenditures, evaluated ex post savings, program reports on housing units.*

- Eligible measures – *See Attachment*
  - i. Weatherization?
  - ii. Heating
  - iii. Any others?
- Cost breakdown (per participant) (In Process)
  - i. Measure cost
  - ii. Installation cost
  - iii. Audit cost
  - iv. DI measure cost
  - v. Marketing cost
  - vi. Other non-incentive implementation costs

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3. **Does the Department get any outside funding for low income programs?  
Does the Department or its vendors leverage other outside sources along with Section 8-103 /8-104 dollars?**

*The Office of Energy Assistance receives federal funding for weatherization programs. Developers who apply for EEACHP funds also apply to the Illinois Housing Development Authority; however Department funds are a small percentage of overall financing.*

4. **What is the total spending for low income programs (most recent program year)?**

<b>Low Income Programs</b>	<b>Total EPY7/GPY4</b>
<b>Public Housing Authority</b>	<b>\$3,533,202</b>
Residential Retrofit (RR)	\$1,199,080
Energy Savers (Elevate)	\$2,750,000
Weatherization (Wx)	\$4,500,000
<b>Residential Retrofit Total</b>	<b>\$8,449,080</b>
<b>Affordable Housing</b>	<b>\$3,959,535</b>
<b>LOW INCOME EXP</b>	<b>\$15,941,817</b>

5. **What is the breakdown in spending (non-incentive vs. incentive costs) for low income (most recent program year)?**

<b>Low Income Programs</b>	<b>Total EPY6/GY3</b>
AFFHNC Incentives	\$3,123,743
AFFHNC Admin/Tech Assistance	\$80,305
PHA Incentives	\$3,674,368
PHA PGM Admin	\$731,349
ELEVATE Incentives	\$3,170,730
Elevate Admin/Tech Assistance	\$682,700
RR Incentives	\$1,690,225
RR Admin/Technical Assistance	\$176,421
Wx Incentives	\$5,500,000
Wx Admin	\$0
Low Income Incentives	\$17,159,066
Low Income Non-Incentives	\$1,670,775
<b>LOW INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,829,841</b>