



OLHSA is a private, 501(c)3 non-profit Community Action Agency, founded in 1964. In those 47 years over 1 million services have been provided to struggling people in Oakland and Livingston Counties by utilizing federal, state, local, and private funds to provide knowledge, skills, and opportunities that lead to higher quality of life and economic security.

Weatherization Works

- Before receiving \$16,688,604 in ARRA funding, OLHSA employed eight staff and 10 contractors. Since April 1, 2009 OLHSA has hired 20 employees and put 35 contractors with an average of 10 employees each back to work – totaling more than 350 jobs.
- The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds will permit us to increase our annual production from an average of 300 houses each year to approximately 1,000 houses in Livingston and Oakland Counties per year through 2012. Additionally, it will allow OLHSA to provide energy saving measures to 2500 multi- family units.
- Energy improvements result in average savings of \$450 annually per household and lower utility bills for families.
- OLHSA will provide energy education for 4,000 Weatherization clients, while also providing Weatherization informational training for 30 community partner agencies and municipalities.
- The ARRA funds have been instrumental in creating partnerships with the Michigan utilities Energy Optimization program, Community Development Block Grant funding and Michigan Public Service Commission; resulting in leveraging an additional \$1.1 million dollars.
- Through the Michigan vendor list the Weatherization Assistance Program encourages contractors to use local vendors and is also able to promote Michigan products and local businesses.
- OLHSA is in the process of developing a regional training center for Weatherization contractors with outcomes including a state-certified Weatherization specialist. These jobs pay \$15 per hour.
- Upon the completion of ARRA Weatherization in 2012 the boosted funds will have provided an economic multiplier effect of 3:1, or a \$17.5 to \$35 million stimulus to the local economy.
- OLHSA has been selected to receive the Sustainable Energy Residential Consumers (SERC) grant of \$3.7 million. This will allow for solar, hybrid and foam injection technology to be introduced to Weatherization clients. Only two agencies were selected from the entire state to receive SERC funding.

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