# Weatherization Assistance Program

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# Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

- Federally-funded (DOE) energy efficiency program to make homes of low-income individuals more energy efficient, reducing energy bills and lowering energy burden

- Program also improves health and safety of those homes by identifying and mitigating health and safety issues such as carbon monoxide, gas leaks, combustion appliance back-drafting, and high moisture levels

# Weatherization Assistance Program Cont.

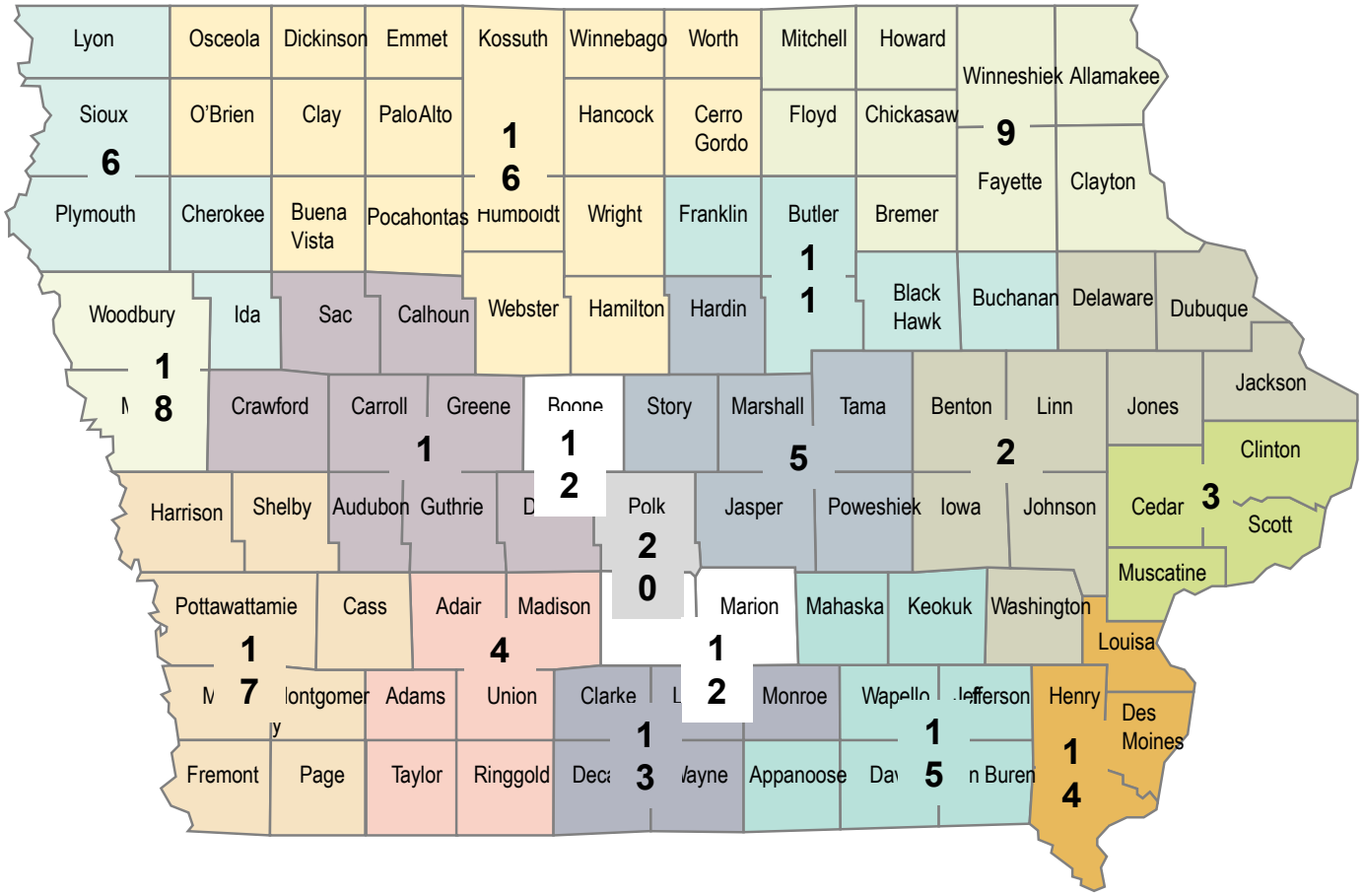
- Signed into law by President Ford in 1976 as a result of the Energy Crisis of the 1970s (50 years).
- Nation's largest single residential energy efficiency program.
- Iowa WAP completes around 950-1,000 homes annually.

# Program Year 2025 Funding

| Amount | Source |
|---|---|
| $7.1M | US Dept of Energy |
| $7.8M | HEAP (LIHEAP transfer to WAP) |
| $2M | Alliant Energy |
| $2M | MidAmerican Energy |
| $300K | Black Hills Energy |
| **$19.4M** | **TOTAL** |

| Amount | 2022-2029 |
|---|---|
| $22.4M | Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) |

# Service Areas




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# PY25 Households
# (*actual* program year 04/01/25-06/30/26)

- Total Assisted – Households
  - 1113 - All funds PY25
  - 503 - DOE-25
- Total Assisted – 2,536 individuals
  - 546 - Elderly (60+)
  - 323 - Residents with Disabilities
  - 226 - Young Children living in home (<6 years old)
  - 78% - Owner-occupied
  - 22% - Renter-occupied
- Inspections – 5% required by DOE
  - 12% of homes inspected by state inspectors

# PY25 Households (*extended* program year 04/01/25-09/30/26)

- Total Assisted – Households
  - 1327 - All funds PY25
  - 523 - DOE-25
- Total Assisted – 3,017 individuals
  - 635 - Elderly (60+)
  - 406 - Residents with Disabilities
  - 281 - Young Children living in home (<6 years old)
  - 78% - Owner-occupied
  - 22% - Renter-occupied
- Inspections – 5% required by DOE
  - 12% of homes inspected by state inspectors

# State Plan – PY26

- Met with HHS Council for state plan approval in April
- Delays with federal government
- Normally due in May, not due until September
- Plan approved and funds awarded end of September
- Received $7.1 million
  - Additional $3 million nationally (additional $42,000 for Iowa)

# Going Forward – State Plan

- Each year a state plan that explains how the funds will be administered is submitted to DOE for approval
- Prior to submission, the draft plan is reviewed by the WAP PAC and posted for public review and comment
- A public hearing is held to receive comments
- Comments are reviewed by the WAP office, and the plan is revised as appropriate
- Comments and changes are reviewed and approved by the PAC and the HHS Council
- The final plan is submitted by the WAP office to DOE
- Once approved, funds are awarded to grantees
- Program year begins July 1

# Timeline 2027 (tentative)

- Feb 17 – PAC Review State Plan Draft
- Feb 22 – Submit to Division Director for Approval
- Mar 15 – Submit to Department Director for Approval
- Mar 31 – Post for Public Comment
- Apr 12 – Public Hearing
- Apr 14 – PAC Approves State Plan with Changes
- Apr TBD – Iowa HHS Council Approves State Plan
- May 3 – Submit Plan to DOE (assumed due date)
- Jul 1 – New Program Year Begins

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# Questions

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