

COMMUNITY ACTION and HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT MDC/MDR – WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

The goal of the program is to provide energy conservation to eligible homeowners with priority given to families with children, seniors, those with high energy burdens, persons with disabilities, and low-income households whose income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Income.

The new local Weatherization Assistance Program will follow similar guidelines to the federal program; however, it will operate on its own terms and will include a maximum income threshold of 140% of the Area Median Income.

Applicant/Project Eligibility

All applicants must provide proof of income and documentation to ensure that the total household income does not exceed 140% Area Median Income (AMI) threshold. Applicants must be a Miami-Dade County homeowner and requesting assistance for primary residence.

Applicants must provide the following document(s) related to their hardship:

- Mortgage statement showing ownership of property.
- Most recent property tax statement
- Income verification.

How to Apply

Miami-Dade County residents will be able to apply online or in person – in person at one of the 12 Community Resource Centers (CRC) throughout Miami-Dade County, by downloading applications online and dropping them off at one of the CRCs, or online via a link on the County website. In person and online applications will be available during regular business hours, Monday through Friday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. For Community Resource Center locations, please visit www.miamidade.gov/socialservices.

Estimated Program Costs

\$3 million total program funding, with \$2.7 million allocated towards Direct Services and \$300,000 for administration and outreach. The program will support an estimated 200-250 households; the amount awarded per home will depend on each client's needs, as assessed by physical inspection.

Program Outreach Efforts

- Conduct targeted outreach to eligible homeowners with an existing senior or disability exemption via direct mail and/or door-to-door canvassing.
- Engage in a sign-up campaign across the county, in partnership with local nonprofits, Miami-Dade County Departments, CVAC, Children's Trust, and MDCP Schools. This outreach approach fully encompasses the "No Wrong Door" Initiative.
- Information will be provided at monthly Community Advisory Committee meetings, Community Resource Fairs, Head Start Agencies, Municipalities, Libraries and through word-of-mouth.
- Conduct radio and television campaigns, "Static Signage" on CAHSD vehicles, digital Imaging on Miami-Dade Transit buses and metro-rail cars and disburse CAHSD press releases.