

North Carolina Weatherization Waiver Request FFY2026

Households Served and Energy Assistance provided

FFY 2025 (Grantee Survey and Household report)	
LIHEAP Grant Award	\$ 14,141,319 (includes \$5,362,280 HAARP)
Households Served	*WAP - 573 *HARRP - 577
FFY 2026 (estimated)	
LIHEAP Grant Award	\$16,255,451 (includes \$5,898,508 HAARP)
Households Served	WAP – 426 (thru April '26) HARRP – 425 (thru April '26)

Request Narrative

The North Carolina General Assembly divides the weatherization program into two parts: Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) and Heating Air Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP). The total obligated percentages of weatherization include 60% for weatherization and 40% for HARRP, totaling 100%. North Carolina is requesting an increase of the weatherization program funds of 15% to 25%, to include both WAP and HARRP.

Weatherization Assistance

The Weatherization Program provides funds to units of local government, private non-profits, and Councils of Government for the purchase and installation of materials such as attic, wall and floor insulation, community solar, caulking and weather stripping, water heater wraps, Energy Star refrigerators where applicable, mechanical ventilation fans and crawl space vapor barriers on homes of low-income families, particularly the elderly, handicapped, and children, to reduce monthly utility costs by making homes more energy efficient and providing a healthier living environment. The North Carolina Weatherization Assistance Program (NCWAP) uses a computerized household modeling tool to determine the appropriate measures to be installed. The measures must exceed a Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR) of 1, whereby energy savings are equal to or greater than the life cycle costs of the measures.

Eligibility

The eligibility guidelines for both the Weatherization Assistance Program and the Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program specify households with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

Cost-Per-Unit Averages:

	2024	2025
Weatherization	\$12,000	\$12,000
HARRP	\$9,000	\$10,000

	2026
Weatherization	\$12,000
HARRP	\$10,000

**workforce shortages required competitive pay + material cost increases*
***estimate*

Annual Opening and Closing Dates

Applications are taken year-round from 07/01/2024 to 06/30/2025.

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Outreach Efforts

Posters/Flyers are placed in local Social Services offices, local and area Agencies on Aging, Social Security offices, and other organizations throughout the fiscal year in each of the service areas. In addition, social media is used to obtain greater exposure for the program in areas that are remote or for individuals who may not have seen posters or flyers. Weatherization Day (October 30) is also used for various outreach activities (i.e. weatherization fairs, site demonstrations, etc.). Implementing partners organize local community outreach fairs and programs annually to raise awareness. Organizations work together to perform outreach to targeted groups in need of all low-income services. This includes presentations, flyers, handouts and email communications to the counties. Further outreach efforts have been made to contact Spanish-speaking, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and other communities.

Public Review and Comment

Will be completed after waiver public review.

Waiver Request

North Carolina requests approval of a waiver to increase by up to 25% the amount of LIHEAP funds available for Weatherization and other allowed Energy Related Home Repair and Improvements.