

THE STATE OF ALASKA WEATHERIZATION READINESS PLAN 2025

Weatherization Readiness Funds (WRF) are designated for use by Grantees in addressing structural and health and safety issues. This funding is anticipated to reduce the frequency of deferred homes that require other services, outside the scope of weatherization, before the weatherization measures can be installed.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS: Alaska allocation will be divided between the subgrantee agencies for use in both urban and rural Alaska aligned with the other DOE funding. Generally, it will be divided equally between agencies but considerations of wait lists and need can influence the distribution. Households will follow the prioritization schedule that is described in the general weatherization plan, but to date the number of homes needing Readiness has been manageable and homes are served in order that they apply.

AVERAGE COST PER UNIT: The average cost per unit for Readiness will be \$16000.

MONITORING OF UNITS: Agencies will conduct 100% inspections on Readiness units and the state will conduct 5% minimum but will try to inspect more units. We will monitor these units as we do the regular weatherization units at 5 percent minimum field monitoring. We will add a section to the QCI checklist regarding whether readiness funds were used on this home or not.

REPORTING: Currently the subgrantees keep a list of deferred clients on spreadsheets that we view at the time of Program Monitoring. Those spread sheets can be expanded to include tracking the work performed under Readiness and the overall costs, and submitted quarterly to our office. AHFC could compile a list of all the units completed under Readiness and the total materials and labor costs for measures. We will also see if we can add that to our Wx. Online Reporting system as a new category.

REPORTING CATEGORIES:

These clients will be qualified through the regular system so any separate reporting of readiness funds will include Readiness specific data only until it can be incorporated into our regular tracking:

Client #

Year Built

Date of Application

Deferral problems

Date of Remediation

Cost of Remediation

Other funds used

Formula or BIL

ELIGIBLE MEASURES: NATURE OF REPAIRS NEEDED WHICH PROHIBIT WEATHERIZATION. Where applicable, identify multiple repairs or remediation reasons for a single building. These are some of the eligible categories. If a repair is needed that is not on the list, please contact the State Program Manager with details and a request to proceed.

MAJOR ROOF REPAIR

WALL REPAIR

CEILING REPAIR

FLOOR REPAIR

FOUNDATION OR SUBSPACE REPAIR

EXTERIOR DRAINAGE REPAIRS (GUTTER/LANDSCAPING)
PLUMBING REPAIRS
ELECTRICAL REPAIRS
CLEANUP AND OR REMEDIATION BEYOND WAP
LEAD PAINT/ASBESTOS/MOLD AND MOISTURE/BIOLOGICA/PESTS/ETC.
FUEL TANK REMOVAL, REPAIR, OR INSTALLATION
MAJOR REPAIR TO UNSAFE CHIMNEY AND STACKS
RADON INTRUSION PREVENTION USING GVB AND/OR EXHAUST FAN IN CRAWL
HEATING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT AS AN EMERGENCY MEASURE
WATER SOURCE REPAIR (WELLS/FILTRATION SYSTEM, SEPTIC, ETC.)
WINDOWS AND DOORS BEYOND SCOPE OF WX. H&S
ESSENTIAL MEASURES THAT DUE TO COST WILL CAUSE A DEFERRAL
OTHER MEASURES APPROVED BY THE AHFC PROGRAM MANAGER

PROCESS: Weatherization Readiness Funds can only be used on homes that will receive weatherization services following the deficit correction:

1. If the subgrantee has a wait list of deferred homes in a service area, these homes should be considered immediately for Weatherization Readiness funds to get them in the cue for weatherization services. Client should be contacted and scheduled for assessment. Households will follow the prioritization schedule that is described in the general weatherization plan, but to date the number of homes needing Readiness has been manageable and homes are served in order that they apply.
2. Normally, deferrals are identified at the time of the assessment when someone goes to the home. For a new client that is being assessed for wx. services, if there are serious issues identified that are beyond the scope of eligible conservation and H&S recommendations utilizing the funds available, this home would be categorized as Deferred until the deficiency is corrected. These clients have been identified following the normal prioritization and wait list process so this should continue to be followed. A letter detailing the reasons for deferral must be issued to the client.
3. Once the DOE Readiness work is completed, the home must be weatherized. Readiness jobs must be completed within two program year cycles and cannot carryover at the end of a DOE grant cycle to meet what a maximum of 24 months. We would consider that a reasonable timeframe for completion of both services from the start of the Readiness job and completion of weatherization on the same home.
4. In either case the subgrantee would create a scope, contract for services or engage with a crew to do the work so that the building would then be eligible for weatherization work. Readiness work needs to be identified by measure in the client file.
5. If a situation causing a deferral is found during the course of weatherization work, immediately stop work, issue an explanatory letter to the client, contact the AHFC Program Manager for permission to implement the Readiness funds at this point to correct a dangerous situation, complete the WRF work, report to AHFC and then complete the weatherization work. Keep strict records of costs for WRF vs. Weatherization work.

6. Once the Readiness work is complete, the client needs to sign off on a detailed list of the measures installed and then should be scheduled as soon as possible for weatherization services. (If this occurs during a transition between program years, that is fine just keep the information from the Readiness work in the client file moving forward.
7. The subgrantee agency will then report to AHFC on a spreadsheet quarterly as we work to create an online reporting system. Client files for each job are expected to contain the intake, measure, cost, and inspection information for Readiness

BRAIDING FUNDS: With the exception of DOE WAP-BIL grant funds, Alaska will try to utilize funds from other sources to augment these funds if needed.