

# RESIDENTIAL CARBON PROGRAM



The Residential Carbon Program (RCP) will quantify and verify the greenhouse gas emissions reductions resulting from the retrofit activities of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). A national program, the WAP uses the most advanced technologies and testing protocols available in the housing industry to increase the energy efficiency, health, and safety of low-income homes. In addition to these benefits, Weatherization reduces greenhouse gas emissions in every retrofitted home. The RCP will measure, aggregate, register, and sell these reductions as carbon offsets on the voluntary carbon market.

Created out of the oil crisis in 1970s, the federally funded Weatherization Assistance Program provides funds to retrofit homes for low-income people in all states and territories in the nation. The WAP is administered by state governments, and implemented by local agencies and vendors in communities throughout the United States. WAP has constantly evolved to use the most advanced diagnostic equipment and “Whole House” approach to ensure the most cost effective use of program funds on every home.

## WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Since the inception of the Program, WAP has helped over 7.4 million families to reduce their energy bills. These families face a high energy burden, paying an average of 14% of their annual incomes on energy bills versus 3% for middle-income families. Weatherization improvements reduce energy bills between \$250 to \$450 per year in heating, cooling and electric costs, depending on their housing type, location, and fuel source.

WAP, it is the foundation for the emerging green energy efficiency retrofit workforce. There are approximately 15,000 jobs in the Weatherization network, with many more supported in related businesses, such as material manufacturers and suppliers. Through its training centers, standardized curricula, diagnostics, and installation techniques, WAP plays an integral role in deploying cutting-edge technology to advance the wider home performance industry.

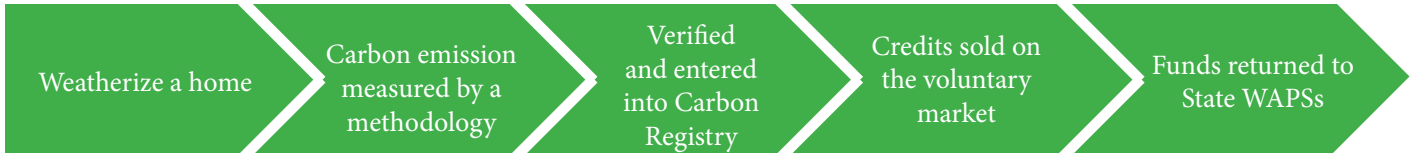
## GREEN WORKFORCE



As a long-standing advocate for state WAP Managers, the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) enjoys a unique relationship with State Weatherization Programs and has specialized staff skills needed to implement the Residential Carbon Program.

# WHY NASCSPP?

## HOW IT WORKS



And then starts again.

## HIGH STANDARDS

RCP offsets will be verified and certified according to the Verified Carbon Standards (VCS), one of the largest and most credible third party standards organizations. RCP offsets are available for sale domestically in the United State as well as in international offset markets.

## HIGH IMPACT

Weatherizing a low-income home increases disposable income for occupants, reduces health and safety risks in the home, improves the quality of the community's housing stock, and improves quality of life for low-income citizens.

## HIGH QUALITY

Program partners must meet a rigorous standard for data collection and reporting to participate in the RCP, on top of the existing monitoring and quality assurance of the WAP. With the ability to track offsets to a physical location, RCP credits are credible, tangible offsets buyers can confidently purchase.



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