



HOUSING PRESERVATION NEWS

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90,000 HUD-Assisted Multifamily Apartments in California Eligible for \$185 million in Weatherization Assistance Program Funds

CHPC Urges California Community Services Department to Serve Low Income Rental Apartments

What Happened?

On March 2, 2010, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued a final rule that identifies 799 HUD-assisted multifamily properties with 49,000 apartments and 160 public housing properties with 41,000 apartments in California as meeting the program's income requirements without need for further evaluation, making them eligible to receive up to \$6,500 per unit in federal Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funds, of which California has been awarded up to \$185 million as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Unfortunately, while the new DOE rule makes it easier for owners of low income rental buildings to receive WAP funds, it does not require state agencies to make WAP funds available to them and California's WAP agency has so far failed to take advantage of this opportunity, instead allowing its contractors to continue focusing on the inefficient process of rehabilitating single family homes and smaller non-assisted apartment buildings one by one.

What can I do to increase the ability of low income rental properties to access WAP funds?

[Send a letter](#) to CSD requesting that they set a goal of investing a minimum of 20% of WAP funds in federally or state assisted low income rental housing.

Resources

- See the [final rule](#) from the DOE.
- See the [list of eligible properties](#) in California and learn more about eligibility requirements.
- See CHPC's [Frequently Asked Questions](#) about WAP.

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CHPC provides financial consulting, technical assistance, and training to help nonprofit and government agencies build and preserve affordable homes for California families and seniors.

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