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SUMMARY OF WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM ACTIVITY

Kansas Housing Resources Corporation (KHRC) is a public corporation that administers Federal housing programs on behalf of the State. In addition to our traditional programs, KHRC currently administers four programs that were either created or impacted by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The purpose of today's presentation is to provide information on KHRC's weatherization achievements, both under its traditional and ARRA programs.

Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program (K-WAP)

Program Summary: K-WAP is a long-term KHRC program traditionally funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), which KHRC has been administering since the mid 1970's. The purpose of the program is to make low-income households in income-eligible, single or multi-family dwellings more energy efficient, thereby reducing the utility bills of these families. Funds may be used for leakage reduction, incidental repairs, insulation, health and safety measures, furnace and cooling system repair/replacement and replacement of inefficient refrigerators.

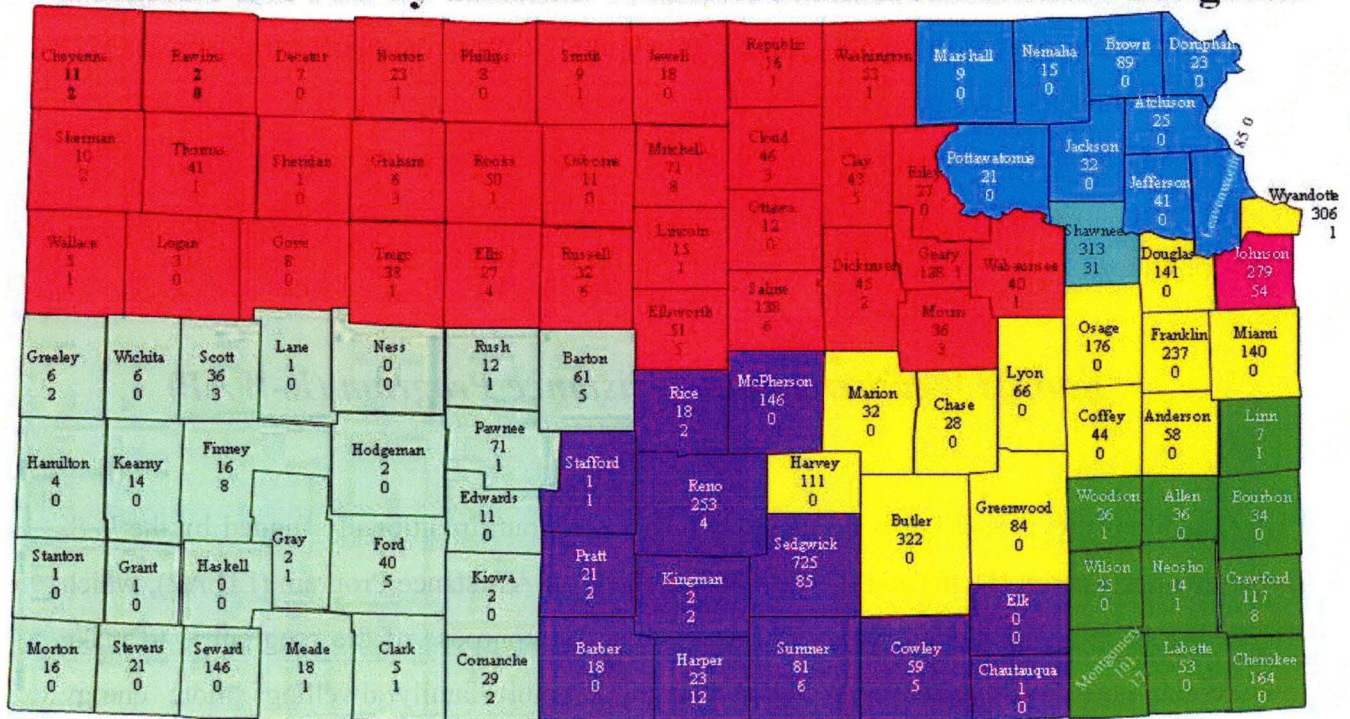
DOE regulations limit eligibility to those individuals with incomes at or below 200 percent of the poverty level (\$20,800 annually for a single person or \$42,400 annually for a family of four in Kansas). Regulations also stipulate the average cost of repair and improvements per home may not exceed \$6,500. As of September 2011, Kansas weatherization providers on average have spent approximately \$5,022 on repairs per home.

The weatherization program is operated through a network of eight local service providers. Each agency provides weatherization for their region of the state. The following map identifies each service provider, the region in which they operate, and how many homes have been served since September 2011.

****Map Key****

County Name
Number of homes completed in ARRA (Total 165)
Number of homes completed with 2011 DOE LIEAP (Total 1325)

Counties Served by Kansas Weatherization Assistance Program



- Northeast Kansas Community Action Program (1-888) 904-8159
- North Central Regional Planning Commission (1-800) 432-0303
- Interfaith Housing Services, Inc. (1-877) 447-5927
- Southeast Kansas Community Action Program (620) 724-8204
- South Central Kansas Economic Development District (316) 262-7035
- East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corp. (1-888) 833-0832
- Johnson County Home & Maintenance Div. (913) 715-6617
- Community Action Inc. (785) 232-3499

Recent Funding: As previously mentioned, funding for the weatherization program traditionally comes from DOE and LIEAP. However, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provided additional dollars to fund weatherization services. In 2009 and 2010, DOE and LIEAP provided approximately \$13 million for weatherization in Kansas. In 2009, ARRA provided \$56 million in funding for a three-year period ending March 2012.

With the substantial increase in 2010 total funding, and based on the regional weatherization agencies own appraisal of their capacity to ramp up operations, KHRC set aside \$11.8 million to establish a multi-family program focusing on weatherizing Tax Credit properties, USDA Rural Development properties, and project-based Section 8 properties that had no direct HUD funds for energy-efficiency improvements. The remaining \$44.2 million is being used to repair single family homes and a few additional multi-family projects. The multi-family program will sunset once ARRA funding is exhausted.

The following chart shows a seven-year funding history for the Weatherization Program.

WEATHERIZATION FUNDING (5 YEAR HISTORY)			
Year	DOE	LIEAP	Total
2011	\$ 1,988,468	\$ 6,184,701	\$ 8,173,169
2010	\$ 1,988,468	\$ 3,282,132	\$ 5,270,600
2009	\$ 5,001,866	\$ 2,856,708	\$ 7,858,574
2008	\$ 2,518,837	\$ 2,497,970	\$ 5,016,807
2007	\$ 2,264,099	\$ 2,501,390	\$ 4,765,489
2006	\$ 2,706,214	\$ 4,415,873	\$ 7,122,087
2005	\$ 2,262,771	\$ 2,149,146	\$ 4,411,917
2004	\$ 2,390,904	\$ 2,548,024	\$ 4,938,928
Average	\$ 2,640,203	\$ 3,304,493	\$ 5,944,696

ARRA Production Update: KHRC is pleased to report that Kansas has reached a Recovery Act milestone in 2011, with the network completing weatherization work for nearly 91 percent of the homes the state planned to weatherize. As of September 30, 2011, our ARRA production total is up to 6,165 units completed. A recent industry newsletter reported that Kansas is 3rd in the nation for production in ARRA Weatherization units.

Traditional DOE Update: To date, WAP providers in Kansas have effectively utilized 100 percent of 2010 traditional DOE/LIEAP funding and over 65 percent of the 2011 funds. In all, 325 homes have been weatherized with traditional DOE funding.

Overall: Combining ARRA dollars and traditional funding from 2009, 2010 and 2011, Kansas weatherization providers have completed a total of 9,066 homes and over 1,540 homes in progress. The “in progress” total includes homes placed on the waiting list which have been approved for services.

The following tables show the network’s production numbers and homes in progress.

OVERVIEW	2009 DOE / LIEAP	2010 DOE / LIEAP	2011 DOE / LIEAP	ARRA	TOTAL
Homes Completed (as of September 2011)	1,081	1,535	325	6,165	9,066

OVERVIEW	2011 DOE/LIEAP/ARRA
Homes in Progress (updated monthly as of 9/30/11)	85/460/995
Homes on Waiting List (updated monthly as of 9/30/11)	4,560
Funds Expended (updated monthly –as of 9/30/11)	\$60,734,656

Job Creation:

Based on DOE estimating rules, KHRC estimates 162 weatherization-related jobs have been created by ARRA funds.

Summary: In summary, KHRC and network providers are continuing to upgrade homes at the optimal rate. With nearly 91 percent of the state’s planned production now complete, KHRC and our sub-grantees are delivering energy and cost savings for the families who need it most. I welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you might have.

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