



## CASE STUDY: EASTERN SHORE

### Weatherization Deferral Repair (WDR) Funds Improving Homes in Virginia's Eastern Shore

#### PROGRAM OVERVIEW

for fiscal year 2021

Total RGGI Funds for Energy Efficiency:

**\$92 Million**

Total Funds for Weatherization Deferral Program:

**\$16 Million**

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

- **12** Homes
- **8** Roofs
- **5** Heating & Cooling Systems
- **3** Plumbing Repairs
- **2** New Full-Time Roles
- **30+** Local Subcontractors hired
- **20%** Average Energy Savings



#### THE CHALLENGE

Home deterioration makes it impossible for weatherization assistance providers like Project:HOMES to **safely weatherize many low-income houses**. Major issues like roof damage, significant leaks, faulty heating systems, and mold disqualify a home from the federal Weatherization Assistance Program, **forcing providers to defer or walk away from housing that is in the most need**. Of 21 site inspections across Accomack and Northampton Counties, local weatherization assistance provider Project:HOMES was only able to move ahead with six homes solely using weatherization funding.

#### THE SOLUTION

Using Weatherization Deferral Repair (WDR) funds - **made possible by the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) auctions** - Project:HOMES was able to make major improvements to twelve additional homes on the Eastern Shore, **improving the health and safety of the residents**. Some of the work being completed includes: 8 new roofs, 5 new heating systems, 3 plumbing repairs, mold remediation, and electrical repairs. "The WDR funds have become a game-changer in our ability to serve the Eastern Shore", said Kerri Walker, VP of Energy Conservation Programs at Project:HOMES. "The WDR funds **help residents, stabilize the housing stock, support the workforce and feed the local economy.**"

To learn more, visit [vaeec.org/rggi/](http://vaeec.org/rggi/) or contact [info@vaeec.org](mailto:info@vaeec.org)

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