CASE STUDY: EASTERN SHORE

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

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."

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