



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

for fiscal year 2021

Half of the RGGI proceeds **fund low-income energy efficiency programs**

administered by the Department of Housing & Community Development

Total RGGI Funds for Energy Efficiency:

\$92M

Total Funds for Weatherization Deferral Program:

\$16M

Total Funds for Affordable & Special Needs Housing Program:

\$6M

KEEP RGGI OUT OF THE BUDGET

Oppose Budget Amendments (113 #1h and 374 #6h) Gutting Vital Energy Efficiency Programs

WHY DOES RGGI MATTER TO VIRGINIANS?

Half of the proceeds from Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI, **directly benefit low-income energy efficiency programs.** Two proposed budget amendments (113 #1h and 374 #6h) would pull these vital funds away from the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens.

HOW DOES RGGI IMPACT AFFORDABLE HOUSING?

Virginia's participation in RGGI provides vital funding for energy efficiency and housing programs that reach the Commonwealth's most vulnerable citizens. Moreover, there are **no alternative funding sources** available - the proceeds from RGGI auctions last year **exceeded all funding sources in Virginia for energy efficiency programs combined.**

The Weatherization Deferral Repair (WDR) Program funds major home health and safety repairs- such as new roofs, HVAC replacements, mold remediation, and leak repairs- that would otherwise go unresolved since the federal Weatherization Assistance Program does not allow for these types of repairs. Once a weatherization provider makes the WDR repairs, they can then fully weatherize the home under the federal program.

The Affordable and Special Needs Housing (ASNH) program funds leverage other financing options to ensure more energy-efficient affordable housing comes to market every day. Low-income energy efficiency programs cut residents' energy bills by 20% on average. RGGI funds provide healthy, safe, and comfortable homes every day.

WHO DO THESE PROGRAMS BENEFIT?

RGGI dollars directly benefit ALL low-income Virginia families by providing safe, healthy, and affordable homes. Your constituents are benefiting from energy efficiency projects - made possible by RGGI funding. Strike 113 #1h and 374 #6h to **keep RGGI dollars out of the budget.**

To learn more, visit vaeec.org/RGGI or contact info@vaeec.org

About Virginia Energy Efficiency Council: Founded in 2012, VAEEC is a 501c3 organization, headquartered in Richmond, whose mission is to advance energy efficiency throughout the Commonwealth.