



## STATEWIDE OVERVIEW

Mar 2021-Dec 2022

Total RGGI Funds for Energy Efficiency:

**\$250 Million**

Total Funds Budgeted for Existing Housing (WDR Program):

**\$45.2 Million**

Total Funds Budgeted for New Housing (ASNH Program):

**\$108.8 Million**

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*VAEEC is a 501c3 organization whose mission is to advance energy efficiency throughout the Commonwealth.*

# DON'T GUT RGGI'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY BUDGET

## Support Budget Amendments (114 #14s and 114 #24h) to Protect Vital Energy Efficiency Programs

### WHY DOES RGGI MATTER TO VIRGINIANS?

Half of the proceeds from the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, or RGGI, **directly benefit low-income energy efficiency programs**. A provision in the Governor's budget bill (SB800) would withdraw \$11M out of the RGGI energy efficiency fund for flooding relief in Southwest Virginia. Sen. Marsden and Del. Carr have introduced budget amendments (Item 114 #14s and Item 114 #24h) that would instead provide flooding relief using money from the general fund.

### 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. Support line items 114 #14s and 114 #24h; flood relief money should *not* come out of the RGGI energy efficiency fund.