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Links To Stimulus Funding Information



Federal Stimulus Information–American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

<http://www.recovery.gov/>

State of Georgia Stimulus Information

<http://stimulusaccountability.ga.gov/02/gov/stimulus/home/0,2804,134245182,00.html>

National Council of Nonprofits

<http://www.councilofnonprofits.org/>

Georgia Afterschool Investment Council–See How to Access Title I Education Funds

<http://www.afterschoolga.org/>

Afterschool Alliance and the Stimulus Bill

http://afterschoolwiki.org/index.php?title=Main_Page

Georgia Department of Education

<http://www.doe.k12.ga.us/stimulus.aspx>

Stimulus Alert–Home Weatherization For Low-Income Households

Federal stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is flowing and offers opportunities for funding projects ready for implementation. Being able to respond quickly is key to receiving funds. As Georgia Family Connection Partnership (GaFCP) becomes aware of ARRA funding in Georgia, we will notify collaborative organizations of opportunities.

Georgia will receive approximately \$125 million in ARRA funds to assist low-income households to weatherize their homes for energy efficiency over a three-year period. ARRA provides a significant increase in Georgia's weatherization funding, which totaled only \$8 million for FY 2009.

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) is designed to reduce the utility bills by making long-term energy efficient improvements such as installing insulation, sealing leaks around doors and windows, or modernizing heating equipment and air circulating fans.

Families whose incomes do not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level are eligible for weatherization assistance. For example, families of four with an annual income of \$40,000 are eligible. Improvements up to \$6,500 per household may be funded. Approximately 9,000 Georgia homes will be served through the program.

The Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority (GEFA) is the state agency responsible for the Weatherization Assistance Program. GEFA will distribute funds in all 159 counties through 22 local organizations, which include community action agencies, local governments, and a nonprofit.

To apply for assistance, families should contact the local service provider for their county. For a list of local providers visit <http://www.gefa.org/Index.aspx?page=196>. The local agency will determine eligibility. If eligible, families will receive an energy audit of their home. After acceptance into the program and initial evaluations, weatherization crews will install the most cost-effective energy measures.

Family Connection collaboratives are urged to inform their partners about the availability of weatherization funds and encourage application by eligible families.

If your county receives any stimulus funding, has tips to share, or knows of additional opportunities, contact Marilyn Bradbury at marilyn@gafcp.org. We would like to highlight your successes in future stimulus alerts.

Please visit www.gafcp.org for more funding information and resources.

