



Weatherization Program Bulletin 23-4
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Subject: Petroleum Violation Escrow (PVE) Stripper Well Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Funds

Background: In the early 1990s, the Nebraska Energy Office (NEO) received PVE Stripper Well funds as part of the oil overcharge settlement. Upon receipt of funds NEO committed 18% of the total to the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The PVE-Stripper Well fund account currently has a balance of \$1,525,223.03. PVE Stripper Well Funds are not subject to DOE WAP rules, oversight, or reporting requirements.

For the last two state fiscal years the legislature had provided State General Funds to Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) for the Weatherization Assistance Program to aid in carrying out weatherization assistance and improvements. Those funds were used to specifically fund reimbursements for *Beyond Repair* door and/or window replacements that don't meet minimum *Measure* Savings-to-Investment (SIR) program requirements, mobile home skirting for homes with inaccessible underbellies and to fund *Measures* with an SIR of 1.0 to 0.5, where the *Cumulative* SIR for the home is greater than 1.0.

Procedures: With the loss of State General Funds, we are designating the Petroleum Violation Escrow (PVE) Stripper Well Low-income Weatherization Assistance Program funds to complete this needed work. The homes are still required to have a Home Energy Audit.

These funds will be used to supplement federal funding received through the Department of Energy and the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services to fund additional projects to improve the overall energy efficiency of the homes.

The NDEE NeWAP team will evaluate annually the previous year's use of these funds to determine future need of PVE fund allocations to the network.

Sub-grantees with questions regarding this guidance can contact the NDEE Grants Section Supervisor Katie Svoboda 402-471-3347 or katie.svoboda@nebraska.gov