

Warm Up Cincy Pilot Program Update

Cincinnati's energy burden is higher than **90%** of large US cities

1 in 4 households experience energy burden

Goal: **10%** reduction of energy burdened households

Energy burden is the reality that many pay more than 6% of monthly income on utilities making housing less stable especially for those with limited income. OES and partners started Warm Up Cincy to work to alleviate this problem by:

- 1) preventing utility disconnections
- 2) making in-unit and whole building energy efficiency upgrades
- 3) providing energy education

To meet these goals, the three pilot programs making up WarmUp Cincy were as follows:

Tenant Program

PILOT CLOSED

Addressed individual energy poverty through energy audits, in-unit efficiency upgrades, energy education, and utility payment support.

Impact:

218 households reached
\$112 savings per unit/yr
\$61,250 in utility bills paid

Partners: Community Action Agency, People Working Cooperatively

Matching Grants

PILOT CLOSED

Worked with owners of affordable, multifamily properties to complete energy efficiency improvements by funding 1-to-1 grants up to \$5,000.

Impact:

272 households reached
70 buildings improved
\$290,472 invested

Partners: 40 landlords of low-income, multifamily buildings in highly burdened census tracts

Whole Building

PILOT UNDERWAY

Provides thorough energy efficiency upgrades to buildings to yield measurable wins for tenants, the owner, and the environment.

Impact:

50 households
\$180,000 Duke dollars
\$1.3 mil Federal & private funds

Partners: Over-the-Rhine Community Housing staff and residents & Green Umbrella

NEXT STEPS

The City is repositioning two of the three Warm Up Cincy pilots to more effectively target and scale efforts to better meet the energy burden problem and the goal above. The program will be reshaped in a few, key ways.

It will:

- 1) Use data to target buildings with the most beneficial upgrades to increase impact
- 2) Works with owners and tenants together rather than separately
- 3) Develop and resource local organizations to address energy efficiency as a key affordable housing solution

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