

PROJECT DESCRIPTION, SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES
AND ANTICIPATED ACCOMPLISHMENTS

I. Project Number and Title:

CDBG Project #9501, CAO, Comprehensive Weatherization Program

II. Description of: Project, Activities, Anticipated Accomplishments, Low and Moderate or Other Target Group Beneficiaries.

A. Nature and Purpose of the Project:

According to the US Department of Energy, low and moderate income households are only half as likely as higher income households to live in weatherized dwelling units. The National Consumer Law Center estimates that low income households in Oregon pay about 14% of gross income for residential energy costs, as compared to 3% of income for non-low income households. Due to limited funds, only one third of income eligible households in Washington County receive energy assistance payments through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

This project weatherizes homes of low income families to reduce residential energy costs. Each year, the CAO receives about 400 requests for weatherization assistance. CAO's wait list for assistance is generally two years.

B. Proposed Location or Impact Area(s):

Countywide. CDBG funds will not be used to weatherize units in Beaverton.

C. Duration/Timing of the Project:

July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

D. Number of Low and Moderate Income or Target Group Beneficiaries:

The Agency will weatherize 35 low income homes, serving an estimated 105 residents living in those homes. Priority shall be given to low income homeowners over the age of sixty, and/or persons with disabilities. The Agency will obtain information on household income to substantiate benefit to persons who are income qualified.

E. Component Activities (CDBG vs. Others):

CDBG = \$20,000 Other = \$77,285

\$59,685 will derive from the US Department of Energy and US Department of Health and Human Services, and \$17,600 from utility rebates.

F. Quantitative Projections for CDBG Component Activities (in units, linear feet, square feet, etc.) for all acquisitions, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, etc.:

Thirty-five homes will be weatherized, at an average cost of \$2,780 per unit. Priorities for weatherization shall be as follows:

- General heat waste/air sealing
- Attic and ceiling insulation
- Floor insulation
- Duct insulation/sealing
- High density wall insulation

All electrically heated homes will be weatherized to the current Portland General Electric Weatherization Specification Standards. All other homes will be weatherized following US DOE Weatherization Standards.