California’s Low-Income Weatherization Program (LIWP) provides low-income households with solar photovoltaic (PV) systems and energy efficiency upgrades at no cost to residents.

Administered by the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD), LIWP is designed with the primary goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by saving energy and generating clean renewable power. But just as importantly, the program reduces residential energy expenses for low-income households, strengthening their economic security. LIWP funds energy efficiency upgrades and solar for both low-income single-family households and multi-family affordable housing.

LIWP also helps cushion the impact of climate change on vulnerable communities, making it more affordable for low-income households to keep their homes cool and comfortable at a lower cost - by installing energy efficient air conditioning or improved insulation - to protect children and seniors from the health impacts of higher temperatures. As many low-income Californians are already struggling to make ends meet - and spending a higher proportion of their income on housing than ever before - LIWP can help by lowering utility bills to free up limited disposable income for other critical expenses.

LIWP is the only program of its kind in California that focuses exclusively on serving low-income households with solar PV and energy efficiency upgrades at no cost. By doing so, the program plays an important role in ensuring that all Californians have the opportunity to benefit from California’s Climate Investments and services.

NUMBERS AT A GLANCE

$242 Million
Funds appropriated for State Fiscal Years 2014/15 through 2022/23

100%
100% of the households served are low-income and priority populations, including disadvantaged and low-income communities

584,000 MtCO2e
Estimated lifetime reduction of carbon dioxide equivalent achieved (in metric-tons)

1As reported in the Draft 2023 Annual Report to the Legislature on California Climate Investments Using Cap-and-Trade Auction Proceeds.
Low-Income Weatherization Program Fact Sheet

PROGRAM DETAILS

Farmworker Housing Single-Family Energy Efficiency & Solar PV
Launched in 2019, the Farmworker Housing Component provides services in Imperial, Fresno, Kern, Madera, Merced, Monterey, Riverside, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Ventura counties with home upgrades such as energy efficient heating and cooling systems; climate resilience measures including insulation and efficient windows; appliances and lighting; and solar PV. 759 low-income farmworker households have received services at no-cost under the Farmworker Housing Component to date.

Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables
The Multi-Family Energy Efficiency & Renewables Program provides technical assistance and incentives for the installation of energy efficiency measures and solar PV in low-income multi-family dwellings serving priority populations. Low-income residents that participate in this program benefit from lower energy costs while reducing energy demand and GHG emissions.

LIWP is part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged and low-income communities. California Climate Investments projects include affordable housing, renewable energy, public transportation, zero-emission vehicles, environmental restoration, more sustainable agriculture, recycling and much more. At least 35 percent of these investments are made in disadvantaged and low-income communities.

For more information, please visit: www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.