HOME ENERGY RETROFIT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SENIORS

The Nevada Governor's Office of Energy (GOE), in partnership with the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) administers the Home Energy Retrofit Opportunity for Seniors (HEROS) program, which provides funding and technical assistance for low-income seniors to make their homes more energy efficient. With funding made available by <u>Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) chapter 701A.450</u>, the HEROS program provides energy efficient upgrades at no cost to eligible homeowners.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

ENERGY SAVINGS

Since the program's inception in 2015, more than 930 homes in Nevada have been upgraded to become more energy efficient through the weatherization assistance program. On average, between 7,580 kWh of electricity and 282 Therms of natural gas are saved in *each* home annually.

IMPROVED HEALTH AND COMFORT

Investments in energy efficiency can create healthier and more comfortable living environments, lowering incidences of asthma, dangerous carbon monoxide levels, and other illnesses.

FINANCIAL BENEFITS TO HOMEOWNERS

Upgrading homes to be more energy efficient saves each low-income Nevada homeowners an average of \$1,244.64 in electricity and gas costs each year. Energy upgrades resulted in an average energy reduction of 64% in each home.

QUALITY ASSURANCE

All contractors performing energy upgrades are Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified and licensed by the State of Nevada to protect the homeowner.

HEROS PARTNERSHIPS CREATE JOBS

Partnering with NHD, energy efficient assessments and updgrades involve contractors and staff statewide. other partners include the Rural Nevada Housing Authority, Rural Nevada Development Corporation, Community Services Agency, and HELP of Southern Nevada:



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ELIGIBLE MEASURES

- 1. Duct sealing
- 2. Shell sealing
- 3. Air conditioner/evaporative cooler covers
- 4. Exhaust fan with dampers
- 5. Broken window repair
- 6. Water heater blanket
- 7. Dual pane windows
- 8. Solar screen (southern Nevada only)
- 9. Attic insulation
- 10. CFL or LED lightbulb retrofits
- 11. Energy Star rated refrigerator from approved contractor
- 12. Air conditioner replacement
- 13. Furnace 95% AFUE replacement
- 14. Air conditioner clean & tune or repair
- 15. Furnace clean & tune or repair
- 16. Heat pump replacement
- 17. Water heater replacement
- 18. Heat pump clean & tune or repair
- 19. Low flow showerhead or faucets
- 20. Water heater pipe wrap and water heater blanket
- 21. Elastomeric coating & polyisocyanurate foam
- 22. Floor insulation
- 23. Duct insulation
- 24. Heat pump water heater
- 25. Programmable thermostat installation
- 26. Mini-split conversions

* Eligible measures are dependent on the property location and type of property being improved. Measures listed are not guaranteed to be included in the retrofit of a home. Please verify with the Nevada Housing Division (NHD) if an eligible measure is applicable to your property.



Staff from GOE, NHD and CSA inspect a Reno home recently weatherized through the HEROS program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- Seniors aged 60 years and older
- Seniors who own and reside in their own homes
- Seniors with income at or below 200% of federal poverty guidelines

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