

T&E COMMITTEE #4
March 25, 2010

Update

MEMORANDUM

March 23, 2010

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee

FROM: *KL* Keith Levchenko, Senior Legislative Analyst

SUBJECT: **Update:** Weatherization Assistance State Grant (\$5.5 Million/Department of Housing and Community Affairs)

On June 30, 2009, the Council approved a supplemental appropriation to the Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) to avail the County of \$5.5 million of Federal Funds that the County applied for through the State of Maryland.

The program serves eligible households with incomes below 200% of the Federal poverty level or 60% of median income. A maximum of \$6,500 in assistance can be provided for improving insulation, air systems, lighting, hot water heaters, and furnaces.

Joe Giloley, Division Chief of Housing and Code Enforcement will provide an update to the Committee on this effort. This update will include a discussion of how the program in DHCA is structured, the process and work involved with a typical eligible property, how much of the grant DHCA expects to spend in FY10 and beyond, how many properties DHCA expects to reach in FY10 and beyond, the startup challenges DHCA has had to address during FY10, any partnering/coordination occurring with Department of Environmental Protection staff, and any other ongoing issues or concerns.

Attachments

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