

Weatherization Training Program Report

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The Minnesota Department of Commerce presents this Report regarding the Weatherization Training Grant Program. As established by Minnesota Statutes § 216C.2641, this program is to award grants to train workers for careers in the weatherization industry.

As of the date of this report, the weatherization training program is currently in development. Commerce launched the Minnesota Home Energy Training Centers (MHETC) Request for Proposal (RFP) in November 2024, with a vendor set to be selected for this project in February 2025. This RFP will result in a collaborative partnership to provide training for the Weatherization Assistance Program and related energy efficiency career upskilling in Minnesota. The <u>MHETC RFP</u> is available for review and is due January 24, 2025. Commerce allocated \$6 million of the pre-weatherization budget to the MHETC project.

As of December 2024, funds have not yet been distributed to train workers for careers in the weatherization industry. The MHETC is anticipated to begin conducting training for Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) by July 1, 2025.