

## public notice

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE OPENING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OF PUERTO RICO (WAP)

The purpose of this Public Notice is to inform the public in general of the opening to the application process for the Weatherization Assistance Program of Puerto Rico (WAP) PY 2023 on <u>Friday</u>, February 16, 2024.

The purpose of the program is to increase energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, provide energy efficiency systems, reduce total residential energy expenditure, and improve the health and safety of the occupants of the impacted households.

The program's impact is regulated by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Priority is given to families with children (defined as dependents not exceeding nineteen (19) years), elderly (60+), persons with disabilities and high energy consumption households. To be eligible to participate in the program income must be at or below 200% of the poverty level, resident of the household, over eighteen (18) years, owner or renter of the household, spouse or authorized representative, American citizen, responsible for payment of electricity bill. The application process is open to all eligible residents of Puerto Rico regardless of the location of the household.

The program's mission is to impact about one hundred (100) households with complete weatherization.

The application platform will be open on <u>Friday, February 16, 2024</u>, from 8:00 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. through the web page of the Department of Economic Development and Commerce. Any person interested in participating in the program must submit their application and required documentation through the platform before closing time.

Only twenty (20) physical applications will be available at the Department of Economic Development and Commerce of Puerto Rico building on <u>Friday, February 16, 2024</u>, from 9:00 a.m. through 12:00 p.m. reserved exclusively and solely for the elderly who do not have access to the electronic platform and require assistance. To book and reserve a spot these applicants must call directly to 787-758-4747 ext. 5663, ext. 5633, on <u>Wednesday, February 14, 2024</u> from 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

Submission of the application does not guarantee that the person automatically qualifies to participate in the program. Each application will be evaluated to determine eligibility. Eligibility will be determined based on funding availability at the time the application is processed.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, today, Monday, February 12, 2024.