

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 1st Session of the 60th Legislature (2025)

4 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 2115

By: Osburn of the House

6 and

7 **Thompson** of the Senate

11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

12 An Act relating to state government; amending 63 O.S.
13 2021, Section 2902, which relates to the Energy
14 Conservation Assistance Fund; amending 63 O.S. 2021,
15 Section 2903, which relates the Energy Conservation
16 Assistance Loan Fund; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section
17 5030, which relates to the Weatherization Revolving
18 Fund; modifying references to the Oklahoma Department
19 of Commerce; and providing an effective date.

20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

21 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2902, is
22 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 2902. A. The Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human
2 Services shall be responsible for the disbursement and
3 implementation of the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund.

4 B. The Department shall involve senior citizen groups, social
5 service agencies and other civic groups in publicizing such program.

6 C. The Department of Human Services, ~~in cooperation with the~~
7 Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~, shall determine eligibility
8 requirements necessary to qualify a homeowner to obtain such grants.
9 Upon meeting any such eligibility standards, the Department of Human
10 Services shall certify ~~to the Oklahoma Department of Commerce~~ that
11 such homeowner is qualified to receive such grant upon notification
12 of such certification. The Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human
13 Services shall distribute the grant funds. Priorities shall be
14 established for applications according to those indicating the
15 greatest need. Low-income elderly and handicapped applicants shall
16 be given first priority.

17 D. In order to qualify for grant assistance, the property shall
18 meet all of the following requirements:

- 19 1. The property shall be the homestead of the applicant; and
- 20 2. The property for which the grant is issued shall not be
21 income-producing or used in any method other than as the principal
22 residence of the applicant.

23 E. Grants may be issued to finance the following types of
24 weatherization:

1 1. Structural repairs necessary to improve efficient heating
2 and cooling of the residence;
3 2. Insulation for attics, walls and water heaters;
4 3. Replacement of broken glass, inefficient doors and door
5 thresholds;
6 4. Storm windows;
7 5. Caulking and weather stripping; and
8 6. Other appropriate energy conservation measures as determined
9 by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human Services.

10 No grants shall be made through this program unless an energy
11 audit has been performed on the applicant's principal residence.

12 No grant shall exceed Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00). No
13 grant shall be awarded to any applicant with an annual income in
14 excess of the amount specified in this subsection.

15 Income eligibility shall be determined based on one hundred
16 twenty-five percent (125%) of the poverty guidelines issued by the
17 United States Office of Management and Budget.

18 F. The application for the grant shall be in such form as
19 determined by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human Services.
20 No grant shall be issued to any person until such person has been
21 certified as eligible by the Department of Human Services. The
22 applicant shall be provided with copies of all documents related to
23 the issuance of the grant. The applicant shall provide documents,
24 as required, concerning the status of property and household income.

1 G. 1. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human Services
2 contractors shall be nonprofit community action agencies or other
3 nonprofit entities experienced with weatherization programs. The
4 ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human Services shall monitor
5 contractors for compliance with all Department policies, guidelines
6 and regulations.

7 2. Contractors shall be responsible for completion and
8 inspection of all work undertaken. No payment shall be made to any
9 contractor until after the required documentation is submitted and
10 approved by the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human Services.
11 Payments to contractors shall be made for services rendered and
12 shall be based on the costs previously agreed to in writing.

13 H. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human Services shall
14 actively monitor and audit the financial and operating records of
15 the contractors involved with the Energy Conservation Assistance
16 Fund to assure appropriate compliance with established regulations,
17 guidelines and standards. The ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of Commerce Human
18 Services shall also monitor contractors to ensure use of proper
19 materials and workmanship.

20 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2021, Section 2903, is
21 amended to read as follows:

22 Section 2903. A. The State of Oklahoma through the Department
23 shall have a lien against the property on which the work is being
24 performed for the amount of the loan plus interest thereon. The

1 Department shall record a notice of lien with the county clerk where
2 the property is located. A delinquent installment of the loan may
3 be foreclosed by the Department and the property concerned shall be
4 sold in the manner provided for foreclosures of mortgages on land.
5 Any real estate sold under any order, judgment or decree of court to
6 satisfy the lien may be redeemed by the owner or his assignee at any
7 time within one (1) year of the date of the sale by paying to the
8 purchaser thereof or his assignee the amount paid with interest from
9 the date of purchase at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per year.

10 B. Repayment of each loan shall be determined according to a
11 repayment schedule determined by the Department.

12 C. Repayment of the loan may be deferred until that time when
13 the loan recipient sells the property or ownership is transferred.
14 In such cases where a loan has not been repaid after ten (10) years,
15 another ten-year extension shall be granted if the loan recipient or
16 the surviving spouse is still the owner-occupier of the residence.
17 Such extensions shall be granted until such time when the property
18 is transferred from the loan recipient or the surviving spouse to
19 another party.

20 D. Loan repayments shall be made to the ~~Oklahoma~~ Department of
21 Commerce Human Services and shall be deposited in the Energy
22 Conservation Loan Fund.

23 SECTION 3. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 5030, is
24 amended to read as follows:

1 Section 5030. A. There is hereby created in the State Treasury
2 a revolving fund to be designated as the "Weatherization Revolving
3 Fund", which shall consist of all monies appropriated or transferred
4 to the fund. Said revolving fund shall be a continuing fund not
5 subject to fiscal year limitations and shall be under the
6 administration of the Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services
7 and may be disbursed without legislative appropriation. Warrants
8 for expenditures from said revolving fund shall be drawn by the
9 State Treasurer, based on claims signed by an authorized employee or
10 employees of the Oklahoma Department of ~~Commerce~~ Human Services and
11 approved for payment by the Director of the Office of Management and
12 Enterprise Services. It is hereby declared that energy conservation
13 is in the interest of the State of Oklahoma. The purpose of this
14 fund is to provide monies to be used for the purpose of weatherizing
15 households in Oklahoma thereby conserving the oil and natural gas
16 resources of the state.

17 B. On July 1, 1986, any unallotted cash balance in the
18 Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section 1537.1 of this
19 title shall be transferred to the Weatherization Revolving Fund
20 created in this section. All outstanding financial obligations and
21 encumbrances of the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section
22 1537.1 of this title are hereby transferred to the Oklahoma
23 Department of Commerce. After November 15, 1986, any unexpended
24 balance in the Weatherization Revolving Fund created in Section

1 ~~1537.1 of this title shall be transferred to the Weatherization~~
2 ~~Revolving Fund created in this section.~~

3 SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2026.

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5 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON RULES, dated 03/05/2025 - DO PASS,
As Amended and Coauthored.
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