

ENERGY EFFICIENCY DELIVERED



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Providing Oberlin With Efficiency Responsibly (POWER) promotes energy efficiency to create a community of comfortable, affordable, and healthy homes in Oberlin, Ohio. POWER has helped over 400 homeowners weatherize and repair their homes to make them comfortable, affordable, and healthy.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, POWER's activities are currently restricted. We continue to work diligently to advocate for energy efficiency in Oberlin, complete weatherization work, and educate the public while maintaining health and safety standards.

POWER Rolls Out New Program Funded by Sustainable Reserve Fund Grant

POWER is now offering more financial assistance than ever, thanks to a new grant from Oberlin's Sustainable Reserve Fund. Currently, homeowners who are below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for the Warm Choice, which covers 100% of the cost of insulating and weatherizing the home. Many homeowners fall above this cut-off yet still struggle to meet the financial

commitment to make home upgrades. POWER's new Home Efficiency Grants provide financial assistance to all Oberlin residents using a sliding scale based on income. Everyone qualifies for some financial assistance, from 25% of the costs not covered by existing efficiency programs, up to 100% of the cost. There is no application or additional paperwork required. Any Oberlin resident, including renters, are eligible. Created by a ballot initiative passed in 2017 (over)

"The biggest thing that stops people from making their homes more efficient is money. Now we can help address that problem for all Oberlin residents."
Energy Advocate Greg Jones

2019 BY THE NUMBERS

Home Walk-Throughs Completed	40
Audits Completed	25
Homes Weatherized	11
Average Value of Weatherization	\$2,597.13
Homeowner Cost Savings	61.93%

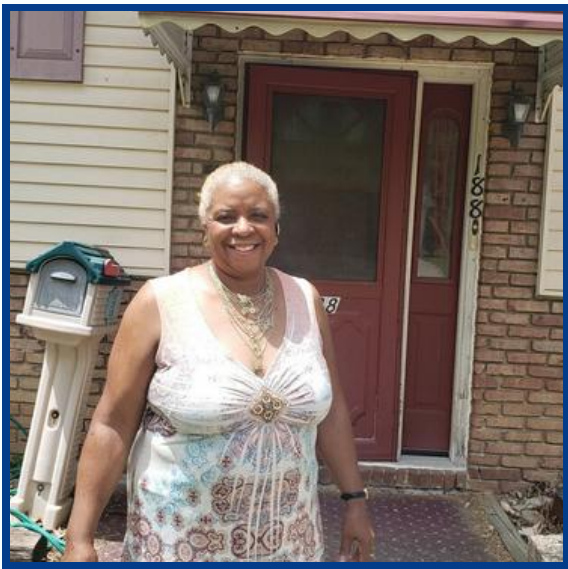
**Last year, 37 Oberlinians received nearly \$6,500 in Super Rebates on efficient home products through the Efficiency Smart rebate program.
Visit www.energysmart.org/oberlin-ohio to learn more.**

(cont'd) the Sustainable Reserve Fund seeks to fund programs that contribute to one or more parts of the City's Climate Action Plan, and also balance the environmental, social and economic interests of the community. POWER works in homes throughout our community, and now has funds to support weatherization for families who couldn't have afforded to get the work done. All Oberlin residents, including those who rent, are eligible for POWER's free services and the new Home Efficiency Grants.

**Think you can't afford to retrofit your home?
Think again!**

In the last 12 months, 11 clients received work worth over \$2500, but on average paid less than \$390* out of pocket!

**While all Oberlin residents qualify for assistance, specific amounts depend on household income*



Homeowner Highlight: Shirley Owen

SHIRLEY OWEN, FORMER MANAGER OF QUICK AND DELICIOUS, KNEW SHE NEEDED HELP WITH HER HOME. SHE CALLED ENERGY ADVOCATE GREG JONES, WHO STARTED WORKING WITH HER TO FIND PROGRAMS TO HELP FUND THE WORK THAT NEEDED DOING.

“AS A SENIOR CITIZEN, IT WAS GREAT TO HAVE HELP WITH THESE THINGS,” SAID OWEN. “I’M REALLY THANKFUL.”

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Thank you to our funding partners!



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