

Tri-County Group to Get Weatherization Grant

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SALEM -- Sen. Stephen M. Sweeney, Assemblyman John J. Burzichelli, and Assemblywoman Celeste M. Riley announced this week that Tri-County Community Action Agency has been approved to receive \$868,260 from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs Weatherization Assistance Program.

This grant was distributed as a part of weatherization funds awarded to the state through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The program will provide weatherization services to income-eligible residents of Salem, Gloucester, and Cumberland counties as well as part of Atlantic County in order to provide utility savings and reduce household energy use.

"This grant award to Tri-County Community Action Agency is a part of national and state endeavors to increase energy efficiency," said Sweeney. "These types of initiatives and programs are an enormous investment in our communities because of the possible savings these measures can provide by proactively lowering initial energy costs."

Burzichelli added that the Weatherization program offers residents the opportunity for long-term savings on their utility and heating bills by addressing various household causes.

"Our national economic crisis has burdened many of our citizens with hardships that press them to make tough decisions between important necessities," said Riley. "By addressing utility and heating concerns, this program has the potential to ease many of these financial worries."

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