Free Attic Insulation for Income-Qualified:

A Face Palm Experience



Goal & Intent

- Reduce bill burdens for income-restricted residents
- Improve thermal comfort
- Achieve lasting energy efficiency
- GHG reductions for electric and gas



GOAL: 50,000 sq ft.

Implementation

High participant interest in a free program (duh!)

Low interest from contractors due to high demand for home renovations

Identified <u>one</u> contractor willing to do installations at set price.



Program Development

- Concept: a free direct install program to enhance attic insulation
- Quantify a \$/sq ft install cost that was reasonably cost effective
- Expedite projects without RFP: identify contractors willing to work for fixed install cost (\$1.50/sq ft) as a rebate assignment
- Market the program to 200 incomequalified residents in single family homes; verify they meet the program qualifications
- Ensure COVID safety requirements were met

Results

21 hom

homes installed

Lifetime GHG emissions avoided



10395

10395 kWh saved annually

Square footage installed 18900



Lessons Learned

Direct Install programs require up-front stakeholder engagement



RFPs are double-edged sword, but worthwhile to ensure accountability