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Healthy Homes & Power of Home Programs Update City of Saint Paul

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Healthy Homes and Power of Home Programs

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Healthy Homes Overview

Pre-weatherization & Weatherization

Eligibility

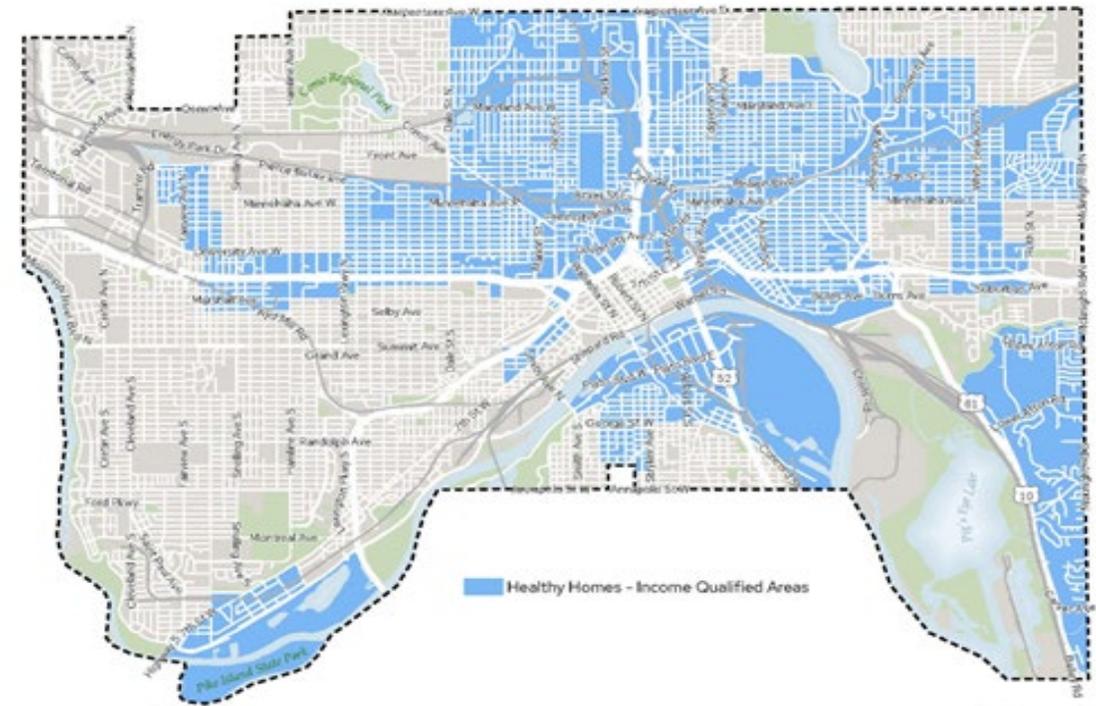
- Owner-occupied
- Located in Saint Paul
- 1-4 units
- Homes must have pre-weatherization needs preventing weatherization from taking place

Qualification methods

- 80% AMI OR,
- Participation in another income-qualified program OR,
- Pre-approved geographic map

Healthy Homes - Income Qualified Areas

Tuesday, March 18, 2025





Healthy Homes Overview

Types of Improvements:

Pre-weatherization examples

- Outdated and unsafe wiring
- Vermiculite/asbestos remediation
- Mold remediation
- leaking pipes

Weatherization

- Wall & roof insulation
- air sealing
- weatherstripping, etc.





Healthy Homes Overview

Healthy Homes Program Goals

- Mitigate costly health & safety issues preventing weatherization.
- Weatherize homes after pre-weatherization is complete.
- Focus on low-income & high energy-burdened homeowners.
- Address homes in low-income, climate-vulnerable neighborhoods.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the City's goals.
- Improve the safety and comfort of homes.
- Reduce monthly utility bills.



Power of Home Overview

Electrification & Electric-ready

Eligibility

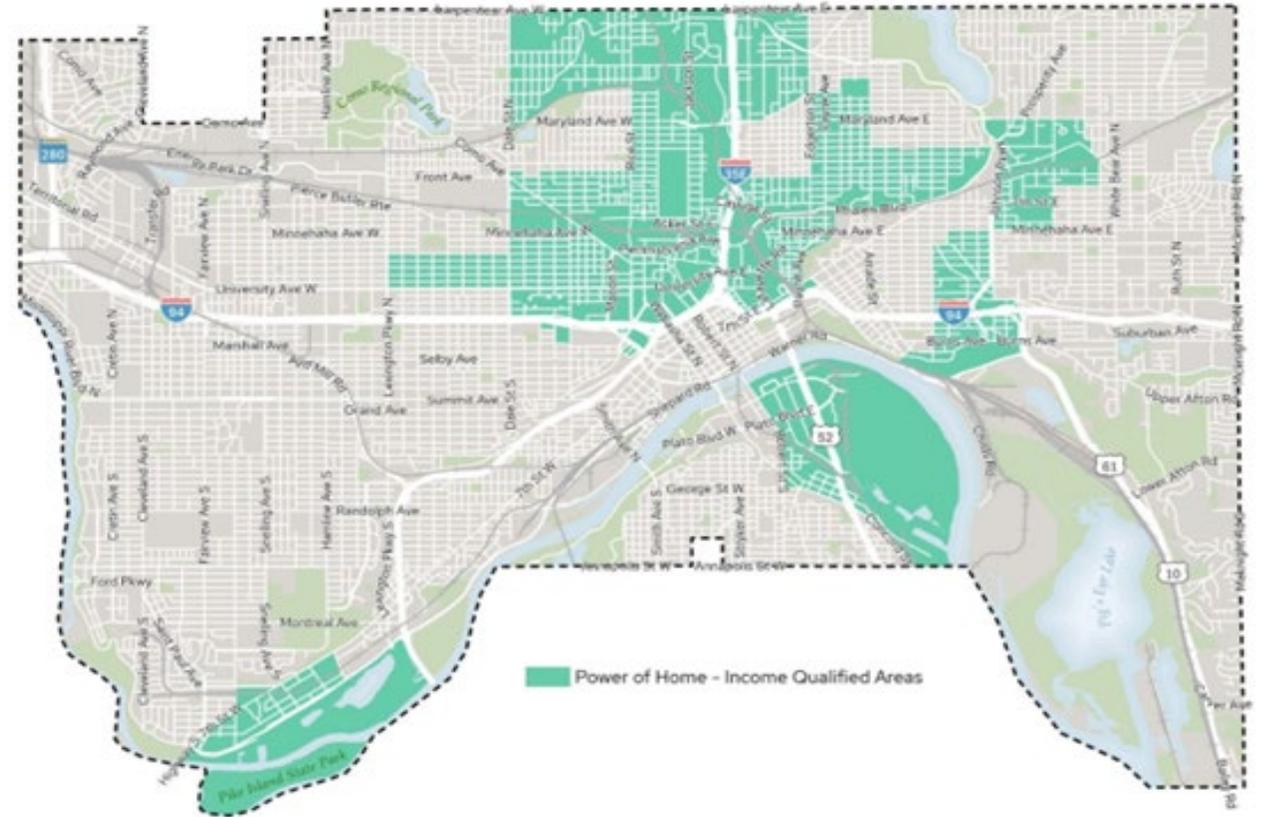
- Owner-occupied
- Located in Saint Paul
- Single-unit homes

Qualification methods

- 50% AMI OR,
- Participation in another income-qualified program OR,
- Pre-approved geographic map

Power of Home - Income Qualified Areas

Friday, January 31, 2025

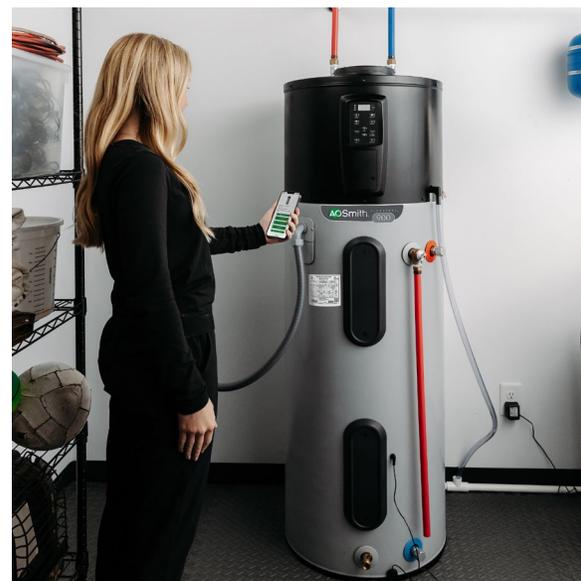




Power of Home Overview

Types of Improvements:

- Cold-climate air-source heat pumps (CC-ASHP)
- ASHP water heaters
- ASHP clothes dryers
- Electric induction stoves
- Electrical upgrades & panel expansions





Power of Home Overview

Power of Home Program Goals

- Contributing to the City's climate goals.
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.
- Reduce exposure to potentially dangerous pollutants
- Providing Low-income households the ability to install high-efficiency electric equipment.
- Insulate income-qualified homeowners from utility volatility (natural gas) as more homes electrify.
- Possibly lower energy burden to help create vibrant, equitable communities in Saint Paul.



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Program Funding

- Healthy Homes
 - One time funding ~\$800,000
 - Funding must be used by end of 2026
- Power of Home
 - Reoccurring ~\$300,000/year
- Enrollment permitted in both programs simultaneously.
- Up to \$50,000 grant for each program.
 - Contractors will be paid directly.
- Rebates will be reinvested.



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Programs Updates



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Healthy Homes

- Participants: 22
- Energy audits complete: 22
- Scopes of work pre-approved: 22

Power of Home

- Participants: 11
- Energy audits complete: 11
- Scopes of work pre-approved: 11

Healthy Homes

The infographic illustrates a two-story house with various icons indicating areas of focus for the Healthy Homes program. The icons include: a sun with a thermometer (temperature/energy), a water drop (plumbing), a gear (mechanical/electrical), a lightning bolt (electrical), a bug (pest management), a plug (electrical), a wrench and screwdriver (plumbing/electrical), and a gear with a star (overall health/safety). The house is shown in a cutaway view, revealing the interior rooms and the location of these focus areas.

Health & Safety Measures

- Asbestos remediation
- Mold & Radon mitigation
- Plumbing repairs
- Fix loose or damaged wires
- Knob and tube replacement
- Pest management
- Smoke & carbon monoxide alarms

Building Envelope Measures

- Venting & exhaust repairs
- Exhaust fans installation
- Window & door reconditioning*
- Vapor barriers
- Caulking & weatherstripping
- Attic insulation
- Wall insulation
- Air sealing

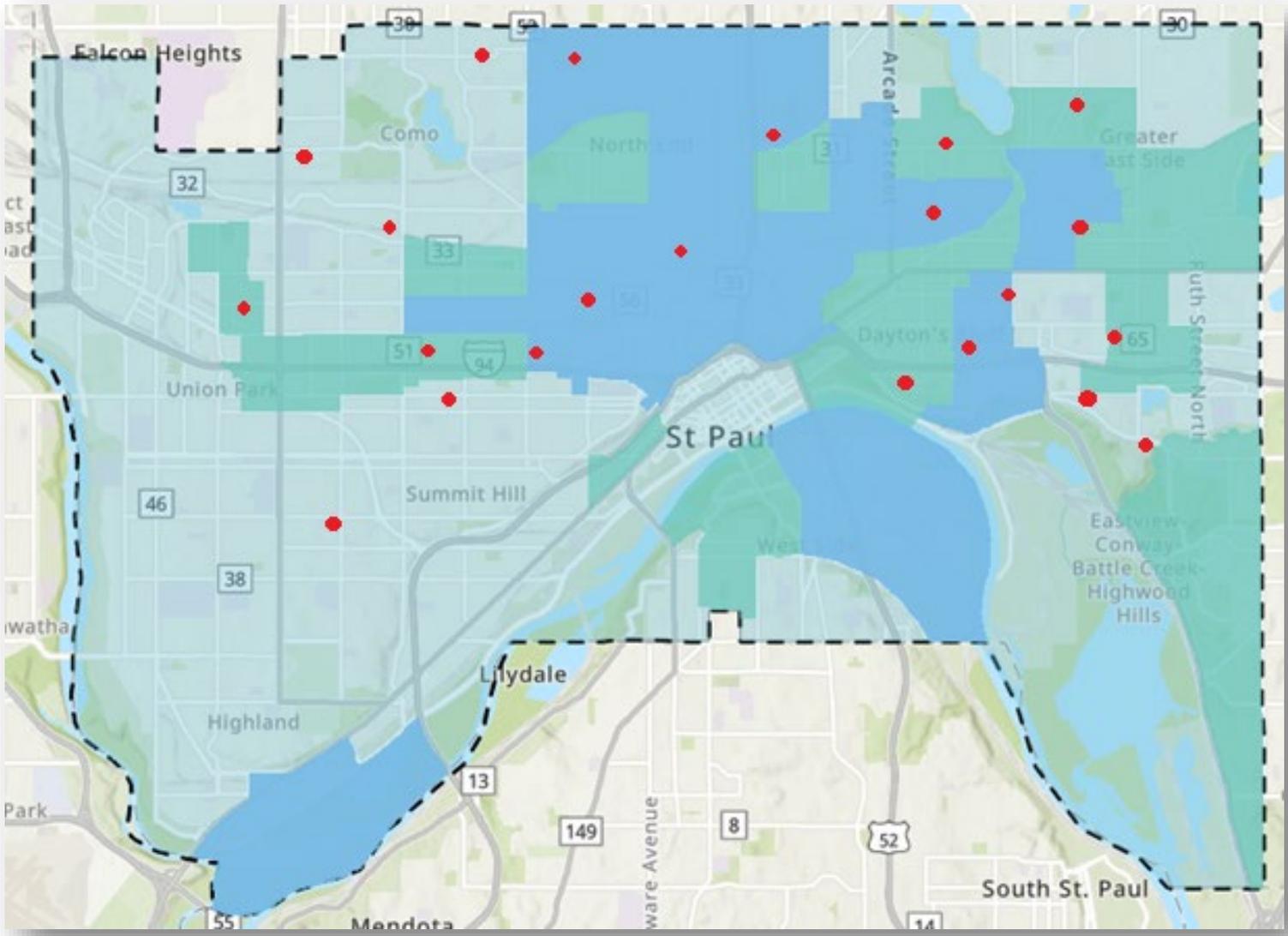
**This is not a window replacement program*

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Above: Approximate areas of Healthy Homes & Power of Home participants



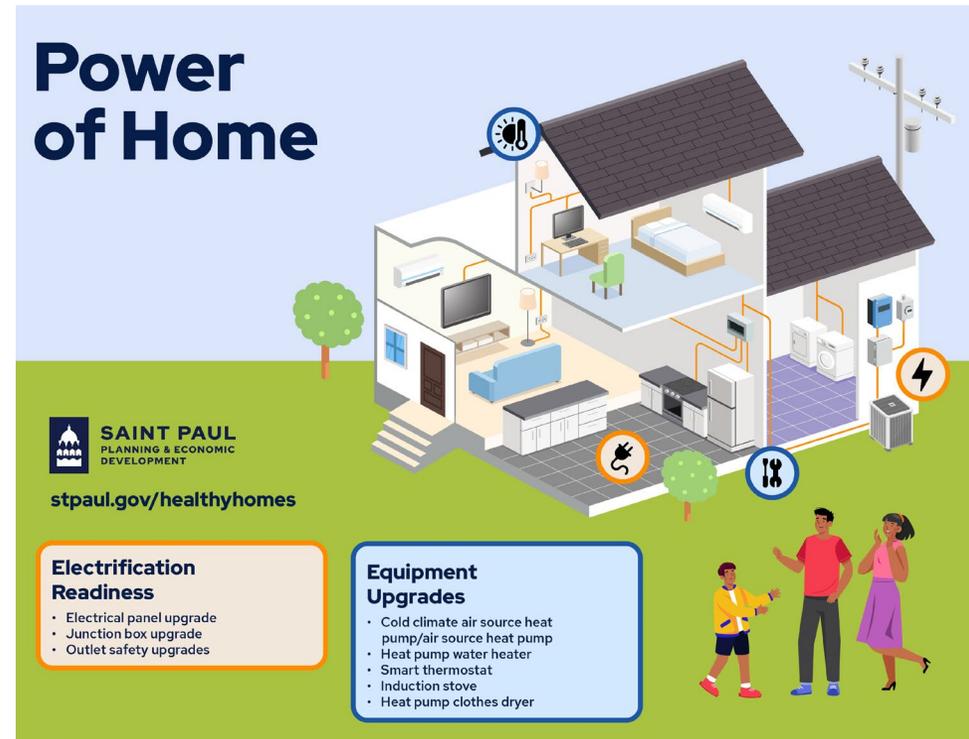
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Implementation Partner

- Center for Energy and Environment (CEE)

Two-way Referrals

- Programs are meant to compliment rather than compete.
- Energy Cents Coalition (ECC) & Community Action Partnership of Ramsey & Washington County (CAPRW)
 - Homes were deferred long-term
- Homes that don't qualify:
 - If Healthy Homes/Power of Home don't fit, direct them to other programs that meet their needs.
 - ECC or CAPRW
 - CEE – Home Energy Squad/Whole Home Efficiency
 - Community Power - Energy Navigators





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Energy Savings Estimates

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- Estimated annual cost savings (14 homes):
\$9,700.00
- Estimated annual green house gas emissions reduction (14 homes):
61.14 Mt CO₂e / year
 - Equivalent of taking 14 gas-powered cars off the road for 1 year

Power of Home

- Estimates coming soon.





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Outreach

- We have not advertised these programs widely
 - Not wanting to over promise homeowners
 - Aware Healthy Homes funding must be used by the end of 2026
- Will determine in May-June if wider outreach efforts are needed.

Media team

- Working with Media team to create short videos
 - Highlighting process
 - Testimonials
 - Before and after photos



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To Conclude:

- Two programs serve an unmet need in the community.
 - Homes are deferred long-term and work never gets completed.
- Lower-income homeowners cannot afford to electrify their homes with the high upfront costs.
 - Over time, people with means will electrify
 - Leaves low-income homeowners with the increasing costs.
- Both programs invest in the housing stock of Saint Paul and the health of its residents while helping to meet City climate goals.



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Q & A

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