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## **Grant Application Deadline for Iowa Weatherization Challenge Extended to October 31**

There is still time for community groups in Iowa to join the 2007 Iowa Weatherization Challenge and receive matching grants of up to \$500 from the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) to assist them with energy-saving home weatherization projects. The deadline to apply to the IUB for matching grants has been extended through October 31, 2007.

Anyone wishing to participate in this year's initiative may obtain an information kit and a matching grant application form, along with requirements and instructions, online at [www.state.ia.us/iub](http://www.state.ia.us/iub). The grants are for weatherization projects to be completed in Iowa by November 30, 2007. These grants must be used for related weatherization and educational materials.

The Iowa Weatherization Challenge is a good way to assist neighbors in need before colder weather arrives and to reduce energy use. The Iowa Weatherization Challenge helps groups and organizations weatherize homes for low-income families, elderly, disabled individuals, and others needing this assistance in their communities. Volunteers donate time to undertake relatively simple tasks and achieve significant weatherization benefits that would otherwise not be realized. Local weatherization projects also increase overall community awareness of the benefits of weatherization and energy efficiency, which may encourage others to weatherize their homes and reduce their energy use.

For those considering a weatherization project but unsure how to proceed, the IUB will provide informational presentations about the Iowa Weatherization Challenge in their local communities. Please contact Brenda Biddle toll free at 1-877-565-4451 for more information. The IUB can also assist community groups in securing training in weatherization methods for volunteers, receiving donated or favorably priced supplies, locating appropriate weatherization sites, and communicating with the media.

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