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# Utility and Community Partnerships: Leveraging with State Agencies

## **Centsable Energy Use Program:**

- This program is administered by the Alabama Business Charitable Trust
- To be eligible for assistance a household must have a current income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines.
- The grants are awarded up to \$25,000
- The program provides funds to the Community Action Agencies to help increase the efficiency of energy use in low income residences
- Participating agencies have the opportunity to apply to the trust for a weatherization grant by presenting a proposal to deliver energy efficiency measures to low income households
- Measures could include: Roof replacement, Wheel chair ramps and Energy Efficiency Appliances

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## **APSO Weatherization Partnership**

- Volunteers from Alabama Power Company's Service Organization support the efforts of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs and the Alabama Weatherization Association in six of our metro service areas to help six low-income families selected by the local Community Action to make energy efficient upgrades to reduce their utility bills
- The partnership takes place in all six of our local metro areas around the state on National Weatherization Day – October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Our efforts are minor upgrades to the home such as: insulation boards, install vinyl siding, repair/replace privacy fences, painting, landscaping and replacing conventional light bulbs with compact fluorescents bulbs

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- The first house - we were able to get a vendor to donate and install a new heat pump which increased the customer energy efficiency
- APSO funds all of the work performed by our volunteers
- We have 10 APSO chapters around the state including corporate and plant employees