

# 2009 Weatherization Challenge

The Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) will be coordinating the fifth annual Iowa weatherization challenge. This is a community-based program designed to help Iowa's low-income, elderly, disabled, and others needing assistance to weatherize their homes before the winter heating season begins.

Community groups are encouraged to participate and IUB will help them train volunteers, obtain donated or favorably priced supplies, locate weatherization sites, and communicate with the media.

## ***\$2,500 Grant for One Community***

The IUB will provide a grant of up to \$2,500 for one community with a population

of 10,000 or less. The recipient must develop and complete comprehensive weatherization and energy efficiency events that also educate the public. The grant will be awarded based on the merit of the proposed projects and will be judged by an IUB review committee.

Interested communities should submit an application by August 28, 2009. The winner will be announced by September 25, 2009. All projects must be completed by November 30, 2009.

Proposals should include plans for educational seminars, events to help weatherize or improve home energy efficiency. The plans should be targeted for, but not limited to,

low-income families, the elderly, or the disabled.

## ***\$500 Community Group Grants***

The IUB will also provide ten matching grants of up to \$500 to assist qualified community groups with similar weatherization projects. Applications will be accepted through September 10, 2009, or until ten grants have been awarded. All projects must be completed by November 30, 2009.

For more information, interested parties may call Brenda Biddle toll free at 1-877-565-4451, or visit the IUB web site: [www.state.ia.us/iub](http://www.state.ia.us/iub).