

TAKE **5** FOR ENERGY CONSERVATION!



The City of Maricopa

Are you comfortable in your home this winter? Many Maricopa residents are having a cozy season, thanks to a grant funded program. Last summer, Maricopa residents received free weatherization items installed in their homes. The program kickoff occurred on May 29, 2014, when Eric Ziegler and Lauri Robison with the City of Maricopa and Dave Christensen and Christine Forster with Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) welcomed members of the Maricopa community to Gusher Hall, where over 20 residents were in attendance.



The City of Maricopa partnered with PG&E to host an energy awareness meeting and outreach campaign to provide residents access to the free weatherization program installed by Staples Energy and paid for by PG&E. If eligible, residents would be provided with assistance to make improvements such as installing low flow showerheads or replacing doors and windows.

Overall, 27 households signed up with Staples Energy for the weatherization program and one household signed up for the direct install program aimed at groups with moderate incomes.



The City of Maricopa's Department of Housing and Community Development received a 2010-2011 State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) from the State of California for the purposes of implementing a community-wide energy conservation public program.

The goal of the federally funded CDBG program is to "ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our communities, and to create jobs through the expansion and retention of businesses. CDBG is an important tool for helping local governments tackle serious challenges facing their communities¹."

¹From the CDBG Website:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/communitydevelopment/programs

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