# Prescribed Home Energy Retrofits

Healthy Home

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# **Approach**

Energy Saving Assistance Program (ESA) Energy efficiency improvements



Peninsula Minor Home Repair Program + Rebuilding Together Home repairs with a focus on health & safety





SASH – Single Family Affordable Solar Housing Program Rooftop solar photovoltaics



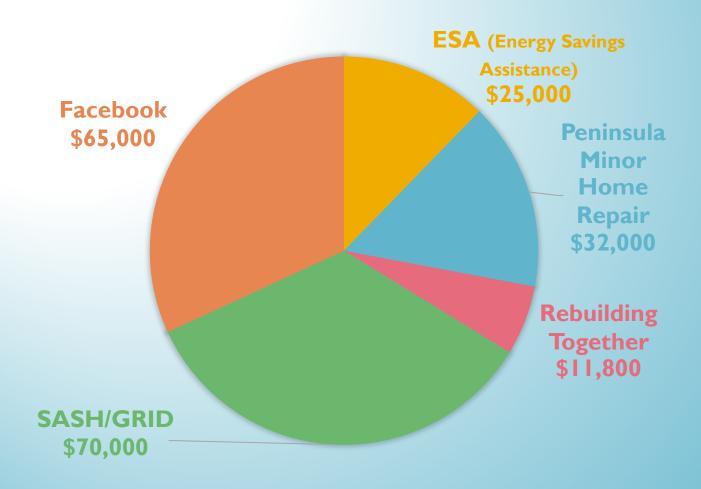
**Facebook Grant** 

Gap funding for health remediations + repairs for disqualified homes





# Funds Allocated for Home Improvements: \$208,800





# The Hayward Score

#### Describe your crawlspace.

If you have a sealed crawlspace, please select one option below

- Exposed or partially exposed dirt floor/no sealed barrier
- Plastic barrier that is completely sealed to the walls and around posts
- Sealed plastic barrier AND mechanically ventilated air
- I don't know

Heating and cooling systems are typically thought of as affecting only comfort and temperature, but you may not be aware of how much they impact your health.

#### Please describe the primary heating system in your home.

- Forced/central heat (air flowing from a register in the floor, wall, or ceiling)
- Baseboard
- Radiant floor
- Wall heater/furnace
- Floor furnace

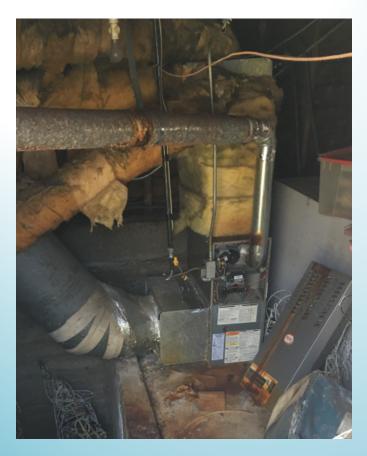
https://www.haywardscore.com/

Has your home ever had a professional:								
	Yes	No	l don't know					
Energy Retrofit (add insulation and/or air sealing)	•	•	•					
Major remodel/renovation (room addition, plumbing/electrical upgrades, kitchen/bath remodel)	•	o	•					
Lead remediation	•	•	•					
Asbestos abatement	•	•	0					
Radon mitigation	•	•	•					
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Hayward Score of 3

3 People in Household - 3 year old w/ asthma







Multiple health & safety issues: Dust, mold, pests, clutter, poor IAQ, no vents, no heat, open to attic





Hayward Score of 4 I

I Person in Household - Elderly







Multiple health & safety issues: Dust, poor IAQ, poor venting, damaged roof, damaged smoke detector



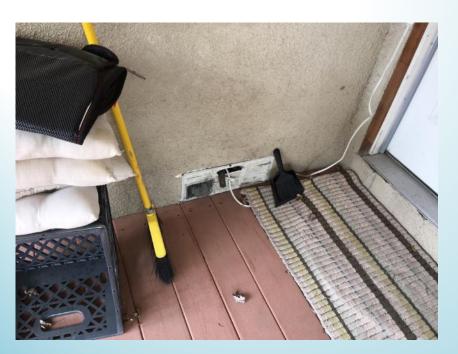






Hayward Score of 54

3 People in Household - 6 year old w/ allergies







# **Sensitivities**

- Chronic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (CIRS)
  - CIRS-WDB (Water Damaged Buildings)
  - CIRS-PLD (Post Lyme Disease)
- Asthma
- Sick Building Syndrome
  - The sick building syndrome (SBS) is used to describe a situation in which the occupants of a building experience acute health- or comfort-related effects that seem to be linked directly to the time spent in the building.
- Fungal infection (mold) affecting the lungs and sinus)
  - Occurs in people with underlying illnesses such as tuberculosis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), but with otherwise healthy immune systems.
  - Aspergillosis, Mycosis, etc.
- https://internalmedicinereview.org/index.php/imr/article/view/718
- https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2796751/



### What's in the air?

#### **Biological**

- Dust mites
- Cockroaches
- Fungus (mold)
- Rodents
- Birds (attic areas)

#### Chemical

- Asbestos
- Lead
- Pesticides
- Volatile OrganicCompounds (VOCs)







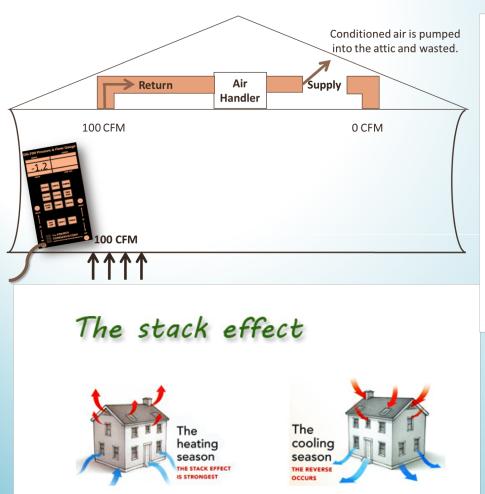








### Uncontrolled air movement

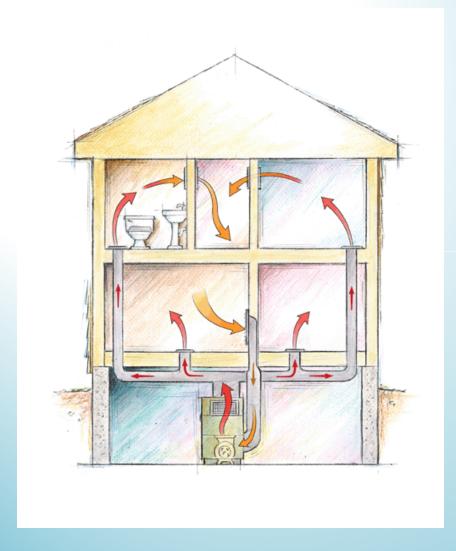








# Controlled air movement



The air in the ducts is the air in the living area and vice versa, an optimal system is a closed loop.

When both the duct system and the shell of the home are well sealed then the air can be effectively filtered, and sources can be controlled.

Relative to energy efficiency, equipment cycles less often saving energy, if the equipment is "right sized" then run times are longer and less frequent which improves filtration.



# Contaminate source control





- 8.3.1 Recommend the removal of indoor air pollutants sources identified in BPI-1100, Section 8.1, or implementation of other source control measures.
- 8.3.2 Sealing, gasketing, or weatherstripping all leaks between an attached or tuckunder garage and the house shall be recommended, including specific leakage paths as identified in BPI-1100, Section 8.2.
- 8.3.4 Sealing of air handler units and ducts that are located outside the pressure boundary shall be recommended.
- 8.3.5 For ducts located outside the pressure boundary, recommend R-8 insulation, at a minimum.

https://exams.bpi.org/site/resources/public/online-testing/ANSI-BPI-1200-S-2015-Standard-Practice-for-Basic-Analysis-of-Buildings.pdf



# CDC & National Center for Healthy Housing (NCHH) 2009

**Table 1.** Summary of Intervention Findings

Panel	Sufficient Evidence	Needs More Field Evaluation	Needs Formative Research	No Evidence or Ineffective
Panel 1: Interior Biological Agents (Toxins)	Multi-faceted tailored asthma interventions     Integrated Pest Management (allergen reduction)     Moisture intrusion elimination	Dehumidification     General & local exhaust ventilation (kitchens & baths)     Air cleaners (to reduce asthma)     Dry steam cleaning     Vacuuming	Carpet treatments     One-time professional cleaning     Acaracides	<ul> <li>Bedding encasement alone</li> <li>Sheet washing alone</li> <li>Upholstery cleaning alone</li> <li>Air cleaners releasing ozone</li> </ul>
Panel 2: Interior Chemical Agents (Toxics)	Radon air mitigation through active subslab depressurization     Integrated Pest Management (pesticide reduction)     Smoking bans     Lead hazard control	Radon mitigation in drinking water     Portable HEPA air cleaners to reduce particulate     Attached garage sealing to limit VOC intrusion     Particulate control by envelope sealing	Radon air mitigation using passive systems     Improved residential ventilation     VOC avoidance	Portable HEPA air cleaners to reduce environmental tobacco smoke and formaldehyde     Air cleaners using or releasing ozone     Single professional cleaning to reduce longterm lead exposure

http://www.nchh.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=2lvaEDNBIdU%3d&tabid=229



# Cost of patient treatment

# Asthma Costs the U.S. Economy More than \$80 Billion Per Year

• The annual per-person medical cost of asthma was \$3,266. Of that, \$1,830 was for prescriptions, \$640 for office visits, \$529 for hospitalizations, \$176 for hospital outpatient visits and \$105 for emergency room care.

In order to reduce asthma-related ER visits, hospitalizations, absenteeism and mortality, we need to support guidelines-based care, expand self-management education and reduce environmental asthma triggers at homes."

Dr. Tursynbek Nurmagambetov CDC's National Asthma Control Program

American Thoracic Society, 2018 https://www.thoracic.org/about/newsroom/press-releases/journal/asthma-costs-the-us-economy-more-than-80-billion-per-year.php



# Cost of home improvement

# Costs of efficiency measures that effect Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

Building shell air sealing	\$2,000.00
Controlled contaminates	
<ul> <li>Outdoor air pollution</li> </ul>	
Pest related contaminates	
<ul> <li>Rodents, cockroaches, birds</li> </ul>	
Replacement windows	\$4,500.00
(Air sealing measure)	
Replacement air ducts	\$3,800.00
Greatly reduces depressurization	
Sealed combustion natural gas burning furnace (95% efficient)	<u>\$4,200.00</u>
Reduces depressurization	
	\$14,500.00
* California Market, 1800 sq ft single story home, raised foundation	



# **Exemplary programs**

A free online self assessment survey service is available at;

https://www.haywardscore.com/

Vermont One Touch **508-358-7770** https://onetouchhousing.com/contact-us/

EnergyFIT Philly 215-609-1000 https://www.ecasavesenergy.org/about/contact-eca

Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (6 locations nationwide) 800-370-5323 https://www.greenandhealthyhomes.org/contact-us/

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