



Energy Efficiency in Action

National Rebuilding Day and Energy Efficiency in partnership with the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

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REBUILDING TOGETHER METRO CHICAGO

Repairing homes. Revitalizing communities. Rebuilding lives.

For 35 years, RTMC has provided no-cost home repairs and accessibility modifications for low-income, elderly, and disabled homeowners across Chicago and Cook County. Our energy efficiency efforts built into the same homeowner relationships RTMC has spent three decades earning.

35

Years serving Chicago and
Cook County

3,000+

Homes repaired to date

315

Nonprofit facilities improved

Real homes, real impact

This same relationship-based model reaches homeowners across the county. Three stories from RTMC's Stay in Place program show what a completed home repair means day to day.



MS. L. | AUSTIN

“I didn't want any visitors to see a silver rail up there so I'm glad you were able to find me a white one to match my wall.”

OT Accessibility Rating **50% → 100%**



MS. L. | CHICAGO LAWN

“I don't have to worry about me or my mom tripping if we ever go up here.”

OT Accessibility Rating **46% → 98%**



MS. D. | WASHINGTON HEIGHTS

“I did not expect to be using it as much as I am, but it has helped me get steady in the mornings.”

OT Accessibility Rating **50% → 100%**



THE NEED

The homes we serve need more than paint and pipes

\$30,048

Median household income across households RTMC served in 2025, well below the area median

79%

Of households were older-adult headed households across RTMC's Chicago and suburban Cook County service area

36+

Environmental justice census tracts concentrated in the neighborhoods this initiative prioritizes

Austin, Englewood, Village of Maywood

Sample of priority neighborhoods we serve, where disinvestment and aging infrastructure drive high energy burdens



Energy efficiency education session, 37th Ward

Education embedded where residents already trust us

Rather than a standalone program, energy efficiency content is built into four touchpoints RTMC already runs.

OUR DELIVERY MODEL

- Homeowner orientations
- Home previews
- Mailers
- Community events

PARTNERS

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Materials and toolkits

CEDA Rebate and weatherization application support

ComEd/Nicor Weatherization opportunities and technical assistance

Citizens Utility Board Speakers and presentations



National Rebuilding Day

One day. Hundreds of volunteers. Real homes made safer and more energy efficient.

National Rebuilding Day

RTMC served 212 homes across Cook County in FY2026, 132 in Chicago and 80 in the suburbs. National Rebuilding Day accounted for 62 of them, concentrated in the village of Maywood and the Austin community in Chicago.

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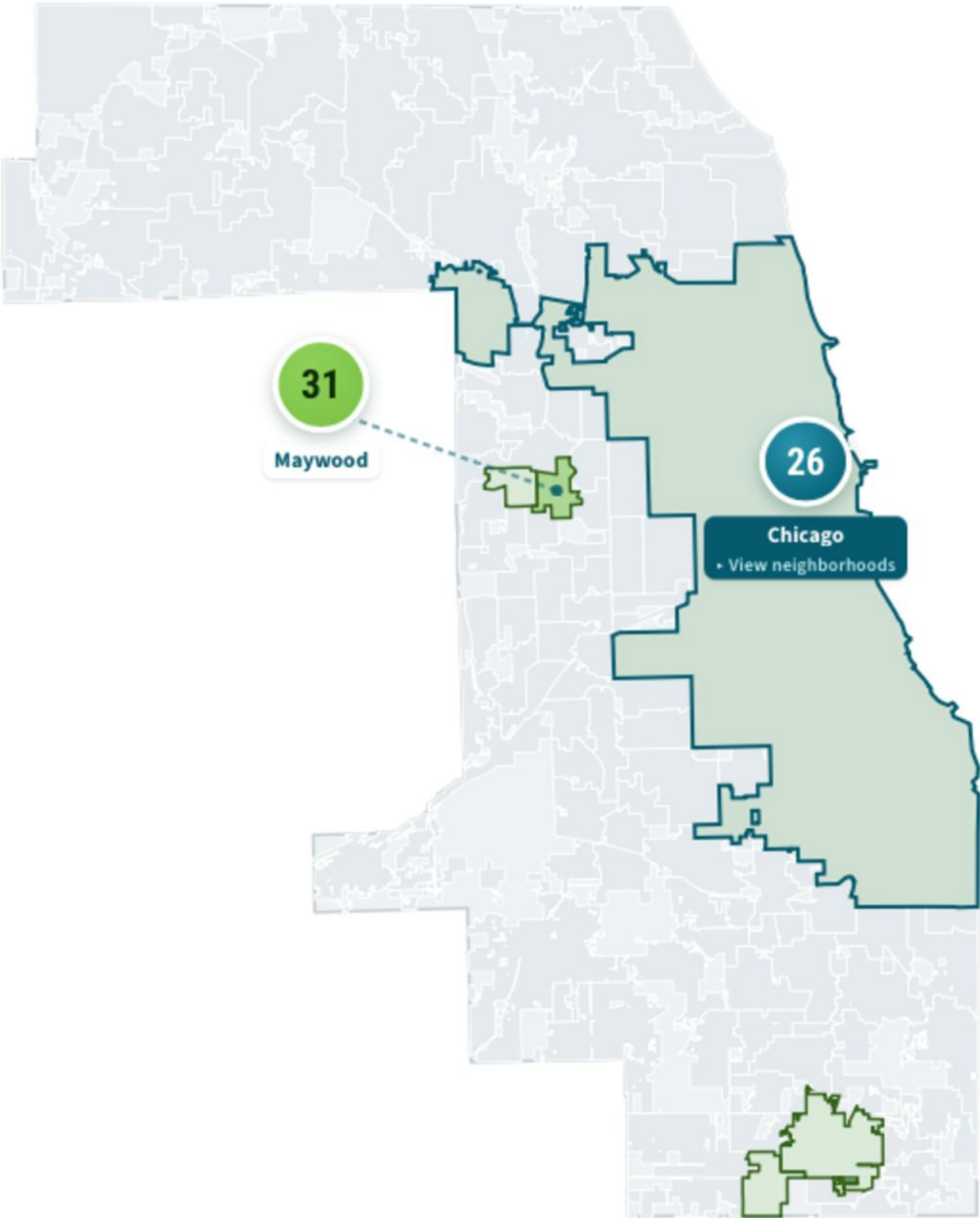
Homes in Maywood

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Homes in Chicago

62

Homes countywide on
National Rebuilding Day



National Rebuilding Day



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RESULTS

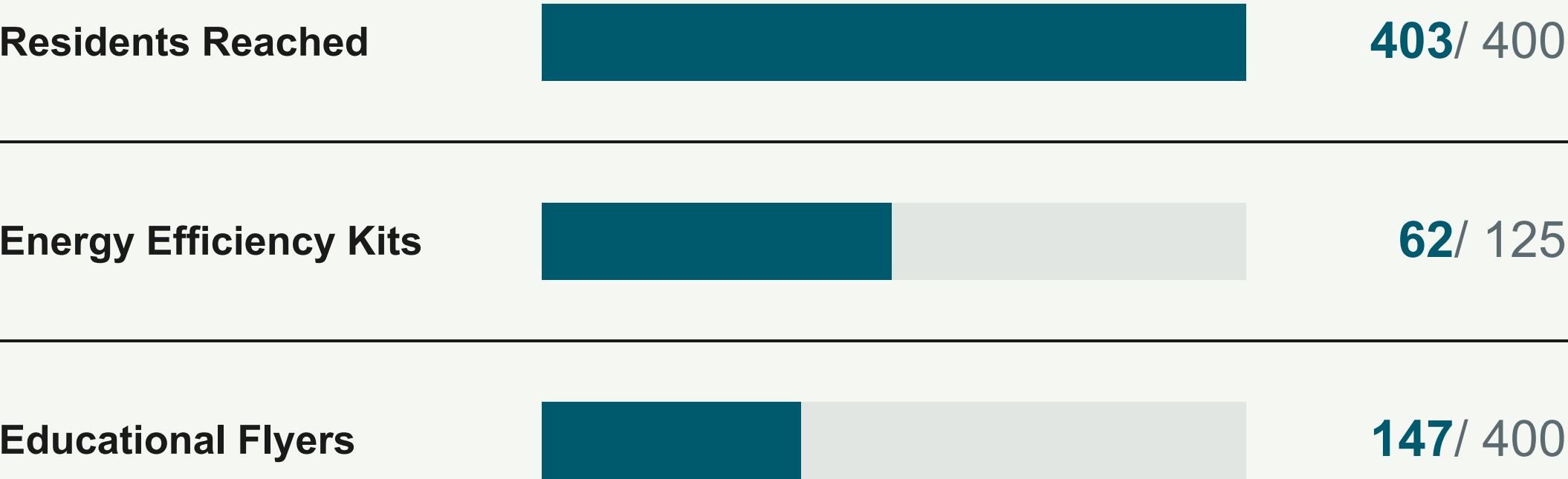
62 energy efficiency kits distributed

on National Rebuilding Day alone, nearly half of the full-year goal of 125.

RTMC volunteers hand-delivered the kits to homeowners, and in many cases installed the items for them on the spot.

REPORTING PERIOD TO DATE

■ COMPLETED □ TARGET



What's next

Residents reached and kits distributed are ahead of pace. Flyer distribution is still building toward its target. Those two become the focus for the rest of the grant period.

01 Continued distribution of educational materials

We distribute flyers with every application we send and discuss energy efficiency programs with homeowners during home previews. Home previews are ramping up as we prepare for National Rebuilding Day 2027.

02 Continue in person educational opportunities

In the Fall we will host another round of in person presentations for homeowners, facilitated by our partners like the Citizens Utility Board.

03 Kits in every completed home in 2026

We will continue to distribute energy efficiency kits to every home we complete across all of our programs in 2026.





Thank you!

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