

Weatherization Assistance Program **Grant Application Development and Submittal Process**



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Learning Objectives

By attending this session, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the Grantee Program Manager's (PM) responsibilities within the grant application process.
- Find the necessary information to apply for Federal funds for the weatherization grants.
- Identify the various components of the Application Package.
- Discuss the public hearing process.
- Describe where Grantees should direct questions related to the Application Process.



Grantee Program Manager (PM) Responsibility

- The Grantee PM ensures that the annual Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) application is:
 - Complete and accurate.
 - Submitted on time.
 - Revised as requested by Department of Energy (DOE) staff.

• The Grantee PM is DOE's primary point of contact.



2017 Application Announcement

- DOE issues announcement & guidance:
 - Weatherization Program Notice (WPN) 17-1 provides an overview.
 - Attachment 1: Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALDR).
 - Attachment 2: Application Instructions.
 - Under Continuing Resolution, PY17 should use WPN 16-2A as planning tools for PY17 WAP Funding Allocations.
- The PM drives the process.
 - This is a significant undertaking, so start early!



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WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 17-1 EFFECTIVE DATE: December 20, 2016

SUBJECT: PROGRAM YEAR 2017 WEATHERIZATION GRANT GUIDANCE

This guidance includes the following sections:

- 1.0 Purpos
- 2.0 Program Priorities and Initiatives
- 3.0 Funding
- 4.0 Applications for WAP Annual Formula Grants
- 5.0 Weatherization Program Policy Notices
- 6.0 Website Information

1.0 PURPOSE

To issue grant guidance and management information for the Weatherization Assistance Program (Weatherization or WAP) for Program Year (PY) 2017 based on the following documents:

- Attachment 1: Administrative and Legal Requirements Document (ALRD)
 Attachment 2: Application between the second band of the second band
- Attachment 2: Application Instructions, to be used by all States, Territories, and Native
 American Tribes (and locals, if applicable) as supplemental information when applying
 for direct grants under the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons.

Congress is deliberating a Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017. For planning purposes, until a final full year FY 2017 budget is passed and signed by the President, Grantees should develop their State Plans using the same funding level as the Department of Energy (DOB or Department) 2016 Appropriated Funds outlined in WPN 16-2a.

While WPN 16-2a allocations will suffice for FY 2017 planning purposes, DOE will adjust the allocations to Grantees based on final FY 2017 appropriations. Therefore, all Grantees are advised to include language in their draft plans and in public hearing notices that clearly explain that final allocations will include adjustments from the planning numbers reflected in WPN 16-2a and the draft state plan necessary to align with final DOB appropriations for WAP.

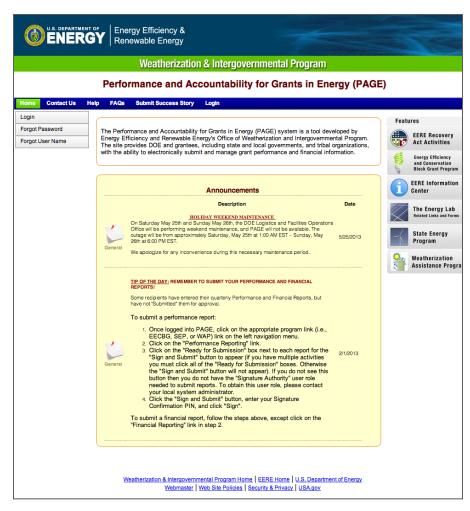
Weatherization Program Notice WPN 16-1 Program Year 2016 Weatherization Grant Guidance



PAGE Electronic Application

The application process is fully electronic.

Applications must be submitted on the Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy (PAGE) website at https://www.page.energy.gov/.



The homepage of the Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy (PAGE).



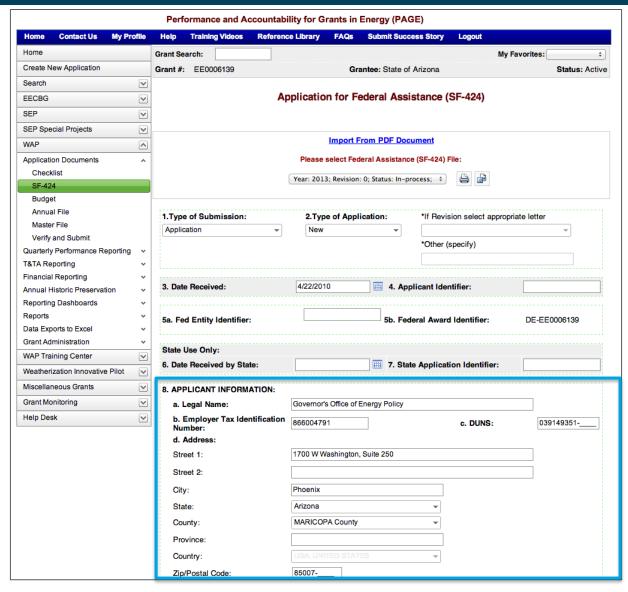
Starting Your Application

Grantees generally copy the prior year application into the upcoming year and make incremental changes as opposed to starting from scratch.

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	STATE PLAN/	MASTER FILE	WORKSHEET		
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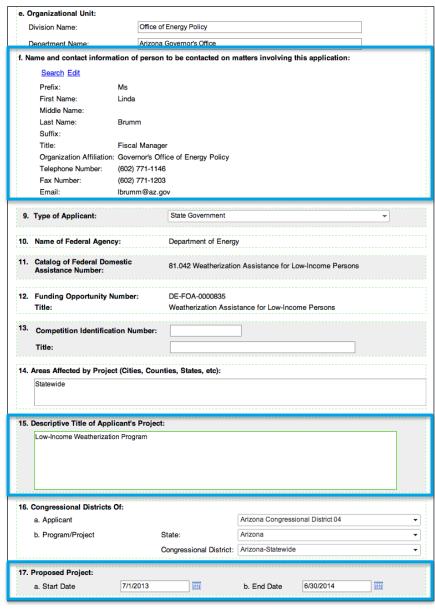


SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance



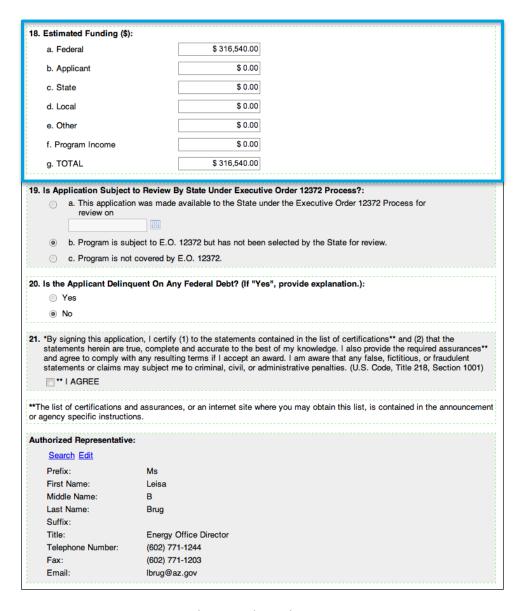


SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance





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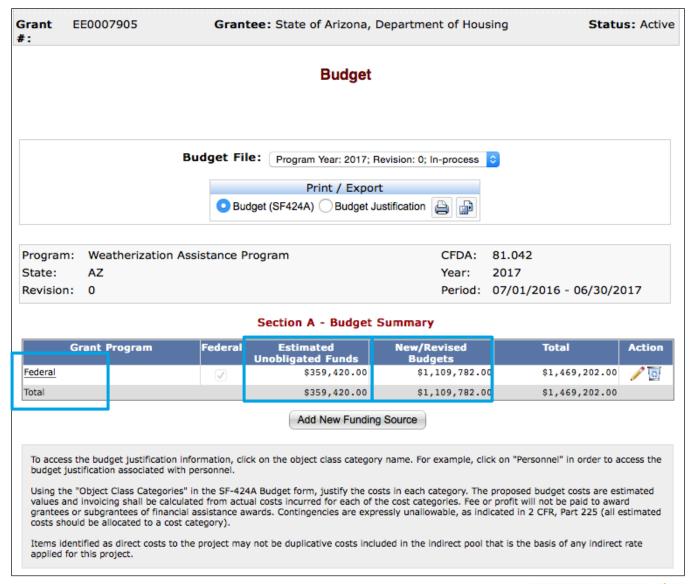


SF-424 Application Attachments

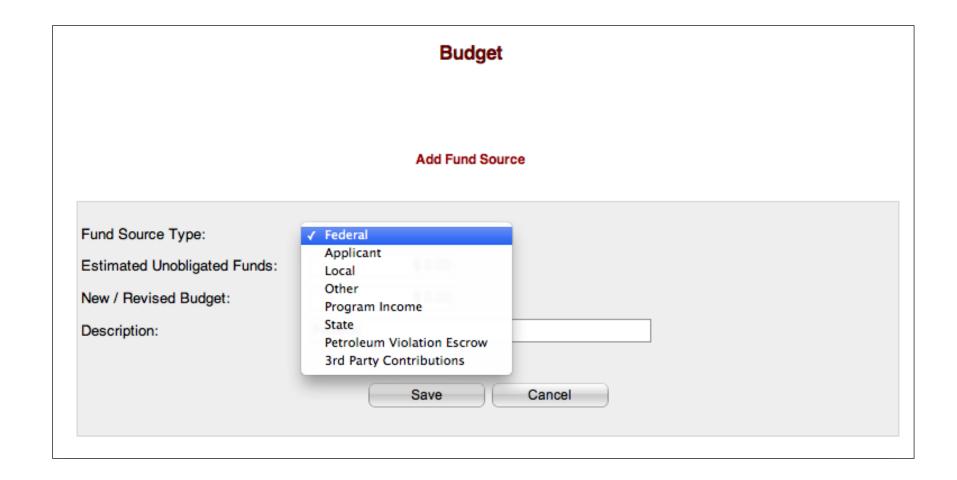
Applicants are required to attach all supporting documents to the SF-424 form.



SF-424A Budget – Funding Sources

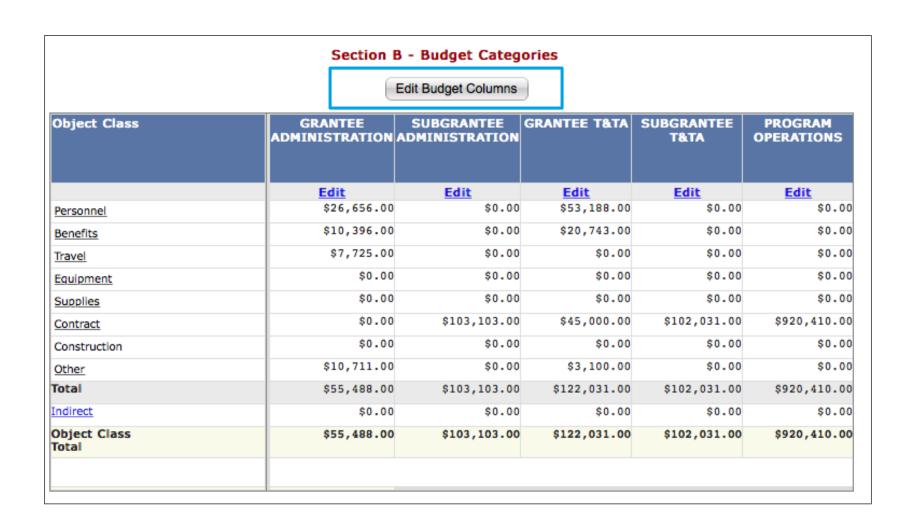


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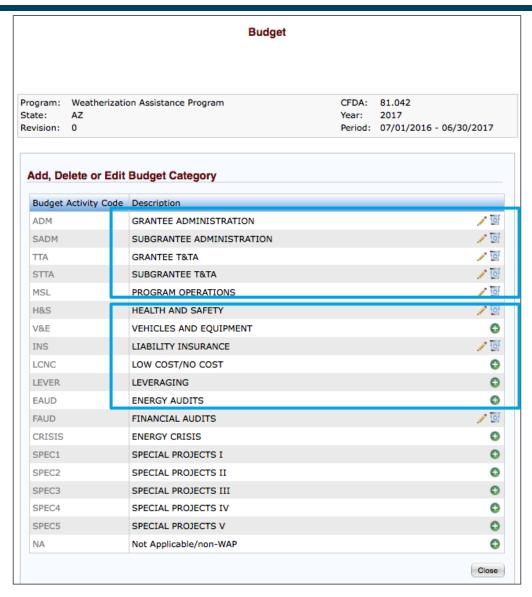




SF-424A Budget – Add Budget Column



SF-424A Budget – Categories





SF-424A Budget – Completing the Budget

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SF-424A Budget – Object Classes (Lines in Budget)

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Budget Justification

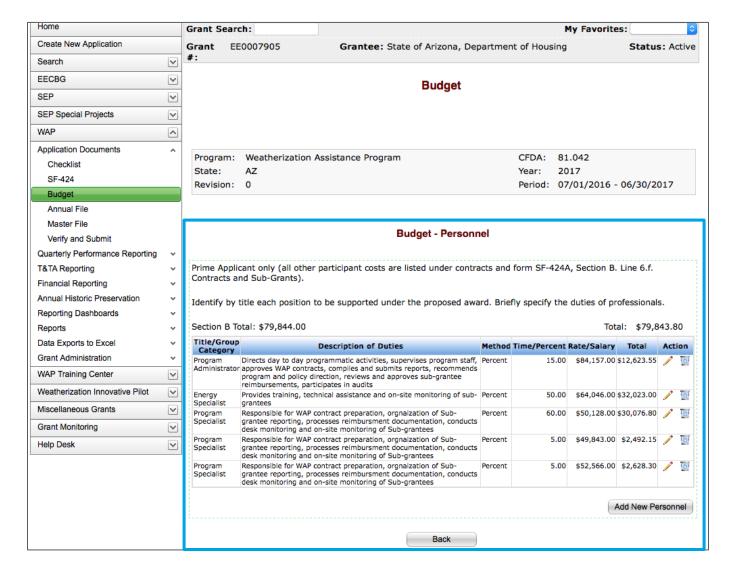
An in-depth discussion in the Application Instructions explains the Object Class categories (lines in budget):

- Personnel
- Fringe benefits
- Travel
- Equipment
- Supplies

- Contractual
- Construction
- Other direct costs
- Indirect costs

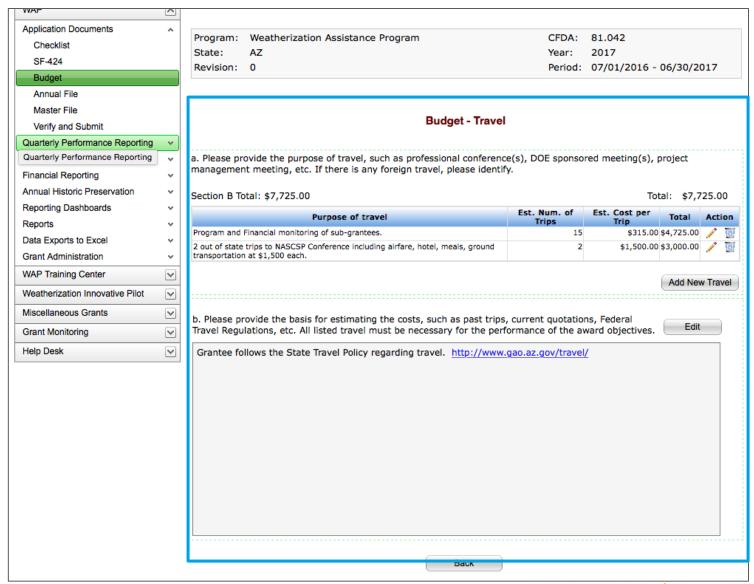


Budget Justification – PAGE Example





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Carryover Explanation

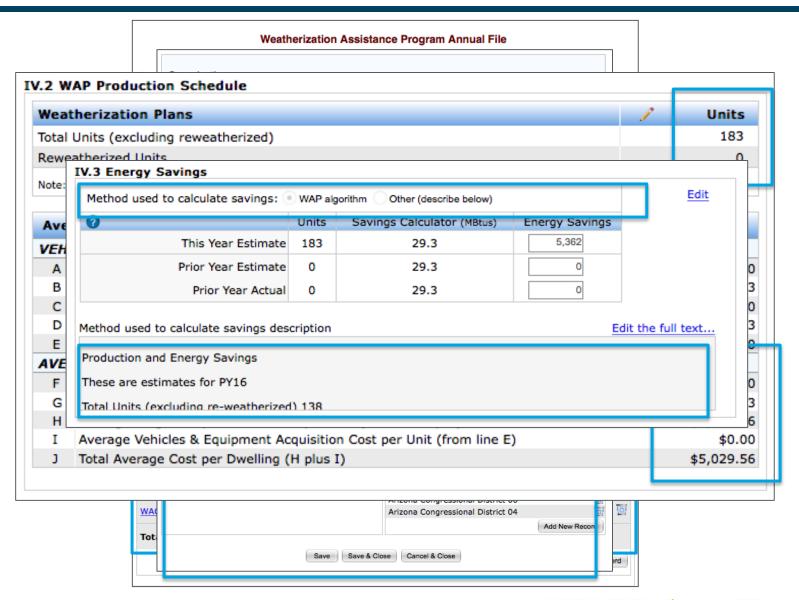
 The Grantee must include an explanation of any estimated carryover, broken down by the budget categories.

Grantees must allocate as the funds are currently budgeted.

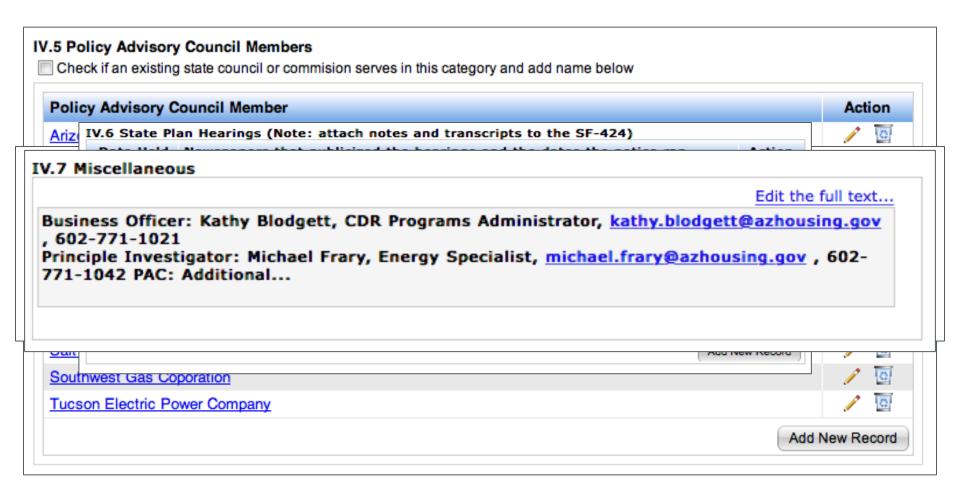
 The carryover explanation shall be provided in a separate spreadsheet or other document attached to the SF-424 Application in PAGE.



Annual File



Annual File - Continued



Public Hearing Process







Public Hearing Process

The Grantee Program Manager:

 Typically presides over the public hearing. (Each state is different and some states may have an administrative law judge presiding.)

 Outlines the Grantee Plan and notes any changes from the previous year.

Opens the public hearing to questions and responds to them.

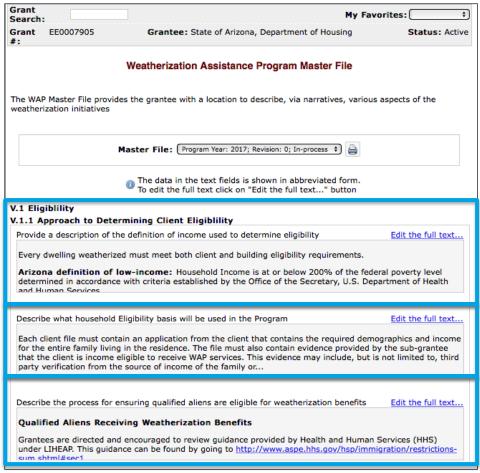


Master File - Eligibility

The following slides include the required information for the Master File section:

V.1 Eligibility

- V.1.1 Client Eligibility.
 - Household Eligibility.
 - Qualified Aliens.

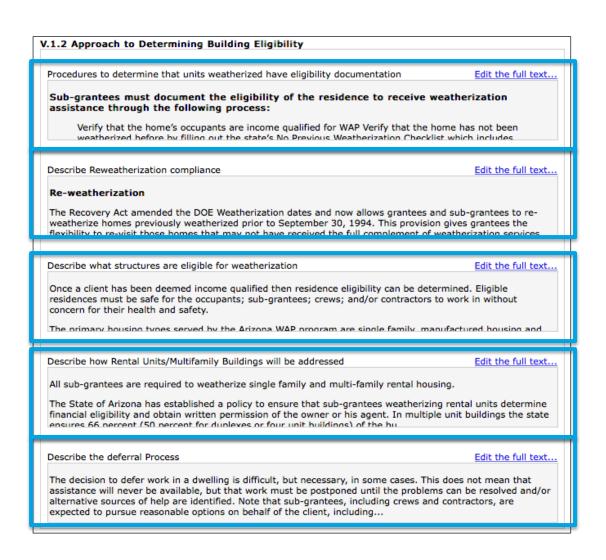




Master File – Building Eligibility

V.1.2 Determining Building Eligibility

- Eligibility documentation.
- Reweatherization.
- Eligible structures.
- Rental Units & Multifamily Buildings
- Deferrals





Master File – Children and Tribal Organizations

V.1.3 Definition of Children

V.1.4 Approach to Tribal Organizations

V.1.3 Definition of Children Definition of children (below age): 18 Save	
V.1.4 Approach to Tribal Organizations	
Recommend tribal organization(s) be treated as local applicant?	
If YES, Recommendation. If NO, Statement that assistance to low-income tribe members and other low-income persons is equal.	Edit the full text
As members of a sovereign Tribal nation, Tribal members are entitled to those services affor of that Tribal nation. In Arizona, weatherization services are provided through Tribal agencial Navajo Nation and the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona who contract directly with the U.S. De and the utility providers. Agencies should consult with those two enti	es such as the

Master File – Areas to be Served & Service Delivery

V.2 Selection of Areas to Be Served

V.3 Priorities for Service Delivery

V.2 Selection of Areas to Be Served

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Arizona utilizes 10 local Weatherization agencies to fully implement the State Plan and provide services to the eligible population of Arizona, excluding the Tribal Nations. Project service areas are historical in nature, originating many years ago at the time of community action agency establishment in Arizona. Service area boundaries are typically drawn along county lines or tribal land boundar...

V.3 Priorities for Service Delivery

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Sub-grantees shall give priority to clients based on the list of priorities established in the Arizona State Plan which includes the following:

- Elderly
- Handicanned



Master File – Climate Conditions

V.4 Climatic Conditions

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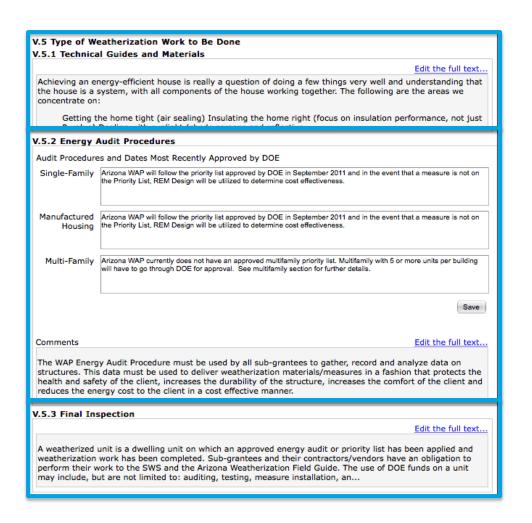
The climate conditions for Arizona range from low dry arid desert to mountain/alpine cold. The summer months of the desert from June through September will bring a dry heat ranging from 90–120 °F (32–49 °C), with occasional high temperatures exceeding 125 °F (52 °C). The winter months of the plateau and High Mountain/alpine range of the state experience extremely cold temperatures from cold air s...



Master File – Weatherization Work to be Done

V.5 Weatherization Work to be Done

- V.5.1 Technical Guides and Materials
 - Field Guides.
 - Procedures manuals.
- V.5.2 Energy Audit Procedures
- V.5.3 Final Inspection





Master File – Weatherization Analysis

V.6 Weatherization Analysis of Effectiveness

This is not monitoring!

V.6 Weatherization Analysis of Effectiveness

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Grantee has a process to track energy savings by using utility usage analysis which compares completed measure cost in a home to annual savings of utility usage. This is done by comparing the energy usage of randomly picked weatherized home utility usage at least 18 months prior and after weatherization work was completed. The before usage and after usage is subtracted to obtain the actual energy...



Master File – Weatherization Analysis

V.7 Health & Safety

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Please see the Arizona Department of Housing Weatherization Health and Safety Plan that has been uploaded as an attachment to the SF424



Master File – Program Management

V.8 Program Management

- Overview & Organization
- Administrative Expenditure limits
- Monitoring
- Training & Technical Assistance

V.8 Program Management V.8.1 Overview and Organization

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The Arizona DOE Weatherization Program is located within the Arizona Department of Housing (ADOH). In addition to DOE funds for weatherization, ADOH manages Weatherization funds awarded by DES LIHEAP Weatherization Program and Utility funds. Other.

An Organization charts showing how the office is structured is attached to the SF-424. The responsibilities of

V.8.2 Administrative Expenditure Limits

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Arizona will allocate 5% to sub-grantees and retain 5% out of the allowable total of 10% for administration. An additional five percent (5%) of the base allocation will be made available to sub-grantees receiving grants of less than \$350,000 of new DOE money.

V.8.3 Monitoring Activities

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The state has a responsibility to perform monitoring and oversight of the work performed by the sub-grantee. DOE requires the state to perform a comprehensive monitoring of each sub-grantee annually. DOE requires 5 percent inspection of completed jobs and also recommends performing inspection on in-progress homes. The state will visit a minimum of 5 percent of completed jobs. If the state discover...

V.8.4 Training and Technical Assistance Approach and Activities

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TRTA activities are intended to maintain or increase the efficiency, quality and effectiveness of the Weatherization Program at all levels. Such activities shall be designed to maximize energy savings, minimize production costs, improve program management, crew and contractor quality of work, and reduce the potential for waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement. The state assesses the training ne...



Summary

• A Program Manager should capturing feedback throughout the year for possible changes and refinements. Start developing the annual application as soon as possible after the release of the grant guidance. This affords the most time to complete the application by the target approval date.

 The Grantee PM is usually responsible for the application and drives the process.

 Any questions the PM has related to the Application should be directed to the appropriate DOE Project Officer.

