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WAP Deferrals: Resources and Strategies for States

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“Deferral” describes when an otherwise eligible dwelling unit (e.g., income eligible) cannot receive weatherization services due to certain occupant issues or dwelling characteristics that are beyond the scope of the Weatherization Assistance Program.

Recent Legislative Proposals

WAP Reauthorization

Competitive grant program (up to \$25 million annually) to “expand the number of dwelling units...that receive weatherization assistance by making such dwelling units weatherization-ready”

Status: House version included in energy package passed September 24. No movement in Senate and no agreement on a joint bill.

FY2021 House Appropriations

\$3 billion stimulus proposal with **\$300 million set aside to be distributed to WAP Grantees via formula** for “innovative activities that will increase the number of dwelling units that become weatherization-ready through critical repairs...”

Status: Introduced by House in September but a Continuing Resolution was later passed. No movement in Senate as of 9/25.

FY2019 Congressional Request

DOE is directed to provide to the Committees on Appropriation of both Houses of Congress a briefing on the kinds of information that is collected from grantees and the potential for collecting additional information that discusses the kinds of structural deficiencies that make homes ineligible for the program.

DOE Research

- Activities
 - Research, review and analyze deferral practices across WAP network
 - Catalogue 57 Grantee deferral policies
 - Identify common reasons for deferrals, standard definitions
- Initial Findings
 - 20% of Grantees reference a specific database used to track and manage deferrals at the state-level
 - 40% of Grantees require Subgrantees to develop their own deferral policy

Source: DOE Federal Perspectives, 2019 NASCSP Annual Conference

Deferrals Classification Guide

View more detail in Attendify Recorded Forums - DOE Federal Perspectives: Deferral Classification Guide

- Optional tool for tracking and analyzing deferrals
- Knowing your deferral rates and reasons builds a case for funding to address these issues

DEFERRAL ISSUE 1				
Issue or Action Needed	Underlying Problem (if applicable)	Total Remediation Cost	Non-WAP Funding Source Used	Referred To?
Roof Repair Needed	Mold/Moisture			

Leveraged Fund Examples

- Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative
- Mortgage settlement funds
- Home repair programs (e.g., HUD CDBG, other community development)
- Foundation, bank and other private grants
- Utility funding
- State funding
- LIHEAP Transfers (with HHS approval)



PRE-WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

The Pre-Weatherization program helps low-income families in Delaware prepare their homes to meet the requirements for the State of Delaware's Weatherization Assistance Program. Many potential Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) clients cannot afford the structural home repairs needed to qualify the home, and therefore lose the ability to participate in weatherization assistance. Participants whose properties have been deferred by WAP for structural reasons are referred to Energize Delaware's Pre-Weatherization Program. Energize Delaware provides funding to pay for the repair of the structural issues, such as leaky roofs, broken windows and doors, or moisture in crawl spaces. The Pre-Weatherization Assistance Program will inspect homes, hire contractors, schedule repair work, and perform a quality assurance post-inspection, then re-admit these units into the **Weatherization Assistance Program**.

