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# Agenda

- ▶ Legislative Update
  - WAP Reauthorization, Biden Appointments
  - COVID Relief Bill, Possible Future Energy Package
- ▶ NASCSP Updates – Poll on Wage Surveys
- ▶ DOE WPN/Memo
- ▶ NREL Grantee Training
- ▶ Board Updates – Jeff Heino, WAP Program Chair
  - Board Updates
  - Member Planning and Action - ZOOM
- ▶ Open Discussion – Poll on Monitoring
  - ▶ Virtual Remote Monitoring – How is it working in the field?

# Legislative Updates - WAP Reauthorization

## ► Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021

- Bill passed in December 2020.
- Authorized WAP at \$350 million for 2022-2025.
- Increased admin percentage to 15%.
- Re-weatherization date changed to 15-year rolling vs static
- Added renewable energy tech to weatherization materials.
- Included health & safety benefits in WAP standards.
- Created a Competitive Innovation Grant program open to grantees, subgrantees, and others.

## ► NASCSP Recorded Webinar on WAP Reauthorization

- [Slides](#) | [Recording](#)

# Legislative Updates - Biden DOE

## ▶ **Energy Secretary - Gov. Jennifer Granholm**

- Breezed through Senate hearing, confirmation expected this month

## ▶ **Acting Energy Secretary - David G. Huizenga**

- Huizenga is a career DOE employee and was most part of the National Nuclear Security Administration.

## ▶ **EERE Chief of Staff - Shara Mohtadi**

- Mohtadi worked on climate for Bloomberg Philanthropies, Obama's OMB, and the NY Energy Research & Development Authority.

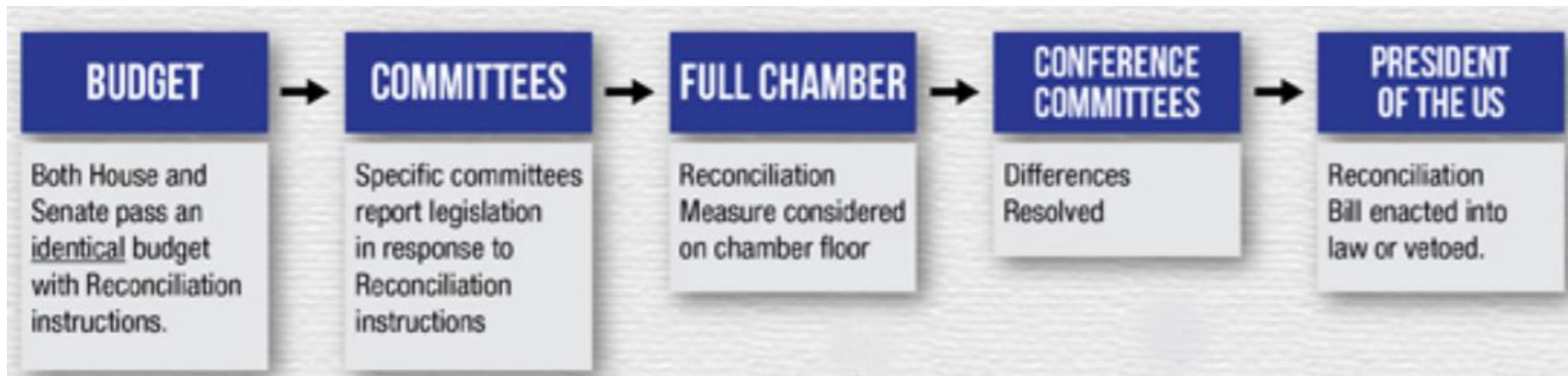
## ▶ **EERE Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Kelly Speakes-Backman**

- Speakes-Backman most recently served as the first CEO of the Energy Storage Association. She is Senior Vice President of Policy and Research at the **Alliance to Save Energy**.

# Legislative Updates - COVID Relief Bill

## ► \$1.9 Trillion COVID Relief Bill

- Contains \$1,400 checks, unemployment relief, child tax credits, vaccine funds, and subsidies for rent, food, and public transit.
- May contain a minimum wage increase to \$15/hr and \$10 billion for LIHEAP.
- Dems attempting to pass it “by the second or third week of March.”



# Legislative Updates - Energy Package

- ▶ House E&C Committee Chair Frank Pallone (D-NJ) said Democrats in Congress intend to propose major energy legislation “within another month or so.”
  - No movement is expected on energy legislation until **after** the passage of COVID relief.
- ▶ This proposal is expected to include major infrastructure & energy investments similar to [H.R. 2](#) passed by the House last session.
  - This could include key WAP changes like stimulus funding, increases to the ACPU, ways to address deferrals, and more.

# NASCSP Updates

- Staffing Updates
- State Plan Submissions
- Member Planning & Action
- WDWG Wage Surveys
- Funding Report (Paige)
- Webinar Recap
- Innovation Survey
- NREL Grantee Training



# NASCSP Updates - Staffing



Please Welcome!

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# DOE Status: State Plan Submissions

## DOE Reported Status as of 2/9/2021

**April 1 -  
Application Due  
Feb 2, 2021**

**July 1 -  
Application Due  
May 3, 2021**

**Grantee  
Allocations  
released in DOE  
WPN 21-2**

| WAP Formula 2021   | April 1 Grantees<br>(13) | July 1 Grantees<br>(44) | States<br>combining<br>2019-2020<br>budget periods | States<br>combining<br>2020-2021<br>budget periods |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Approved: Full Unconditional Award of Application Based on WPN 21-2 (0)  |                          |                         |  |  |
| Tech Eval sent to FAO Specialist:<br>In FAO Specialist Review/<br>Cost Price Review/ Peer Review/ Contracting Officer Review (0) |                          |                         |  |  |
| Application Submitted:<br>In WAP Project Officer Review/ Grantee Resolution of DOE Questions (11)                                | 11                       |                         |  |  |
| Awaiting Application to be Submitted by Grantee (46)   | 2                        | 44                      | 23   |  |

# WAGE SURVEY POLL

Q: Will you be launching one of the new wage survey tools in your state?

- ▶ Yes, we already launched the survey
- ▶ Yes, we will launch later in February
- ▶ No, we will not participate in the Survey
- ▶ We need more help with the survey
- ▶ What survey?

# Workforce Development Working Group

- Conducted a Grantee Training Webinar on January 20, 2021
- WDWG Members presented on existing wage surveys / studies and the impact to workforce retention in their states
- NASCSP provided the NEW wage survey tools on the Member Portal
  - **Important:** STATE WAP MANAGERS launch the survey
  - Host Kick-off Meeting with Subgrantees in **February 2021**
  - Select **either** OPTION 1 or OPTION 2 for your state
  - Wage surveys due back in **March 2021**
  - Deployment instructions on how to launch the wage survey
    - Click here: [WAGE Survey Webinar and Slide deck](#)
    - QUESTIONS: Contact Paige Milson [pmilson@nascsp.org](mailto:pmilson@nascsp.org)

# NASCSP and WDWG Launch Wage Survey Tools

## WAP Workforce Development



Workforce development has long been a key need identified by the weatherization network. In May 2020, NASCSP convened a working group focused on the topic of workforce development. Resources created by this group, in addition to existing resources maintained by NASCSP, will be housed here.

### Wage Survey Templates

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Survey Option 1                            | - |
| Survey Link - Instructions - PDF of Survey |   |
| Survey Option 2                            | + |
| Survey Webinar                             | + |

Go to the NASCSP  
Member Portal

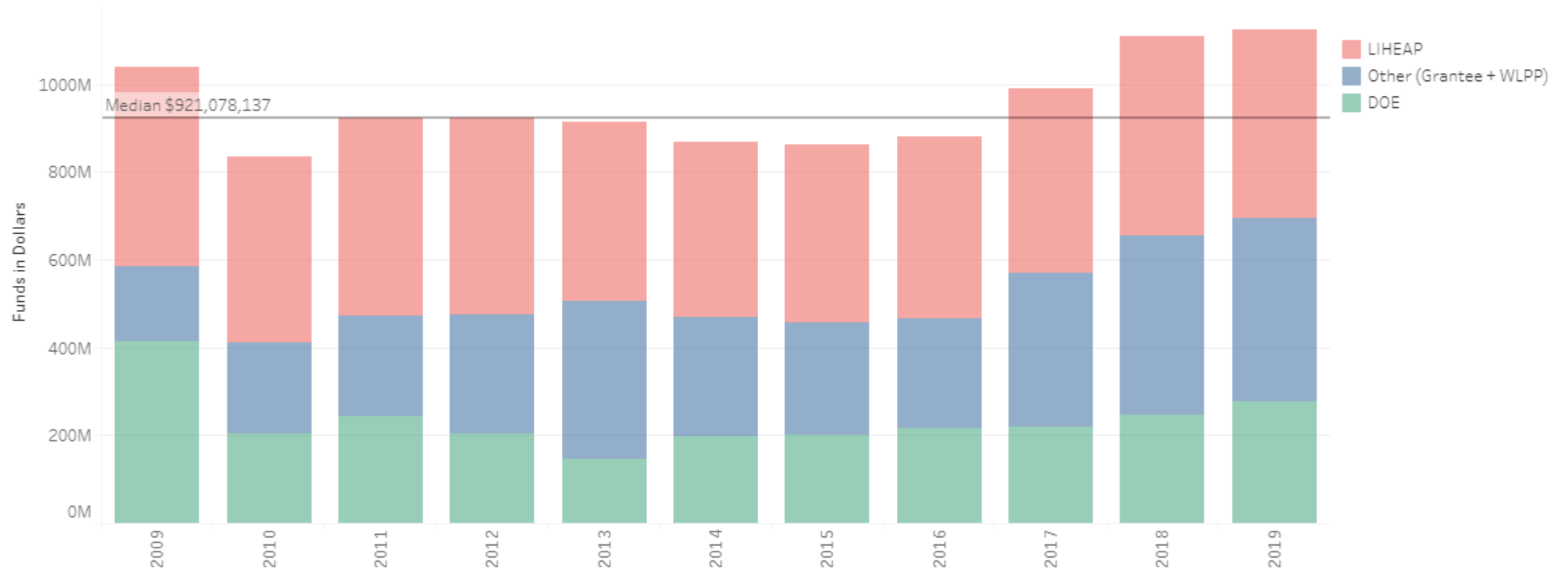
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Resources

Select Workforce  
Development

Select either Survey  
Option 1 OR Survey  
Option 2

# 2019 Funding Report - Total Funds

Figure 6: WAP Funding Over Time 2009–2019



- Over \$1.12 billion was available in PY 2019 to Grantees and Subgrantees for the Weatherization Assistance Program
- These funds were used to weatherize more than 85,200 low-income homes

# 2019 Funding Report - Funding and Production by State

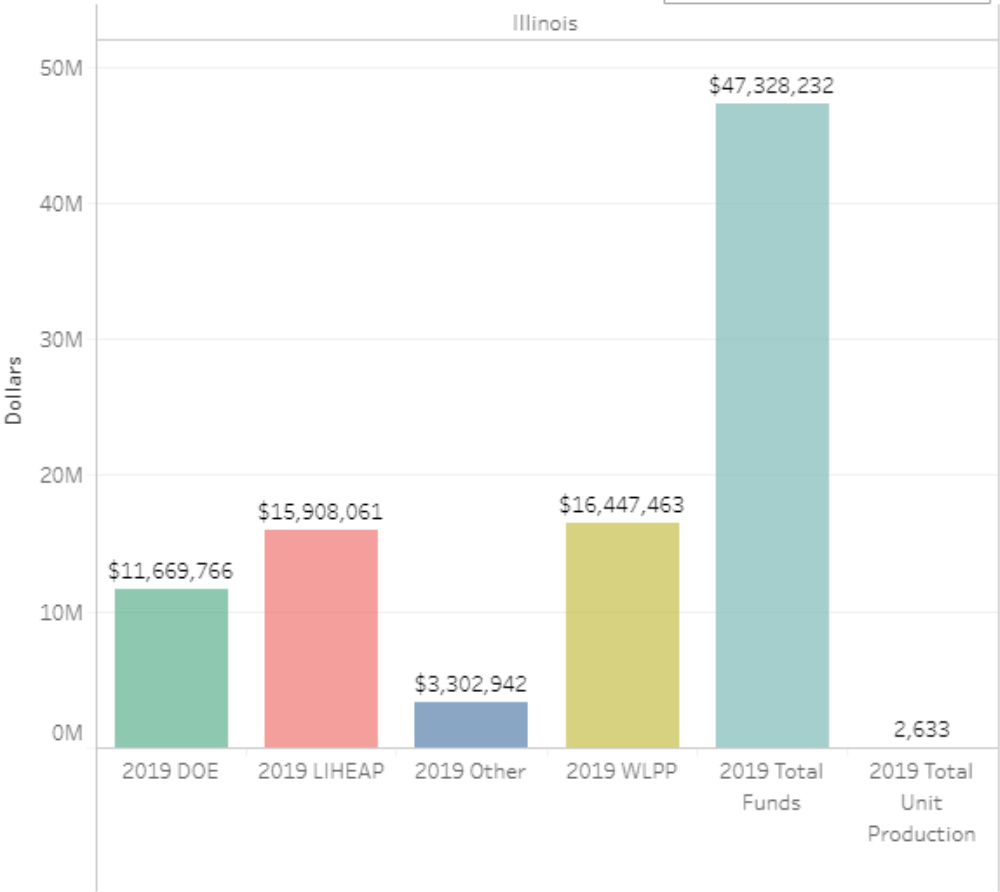
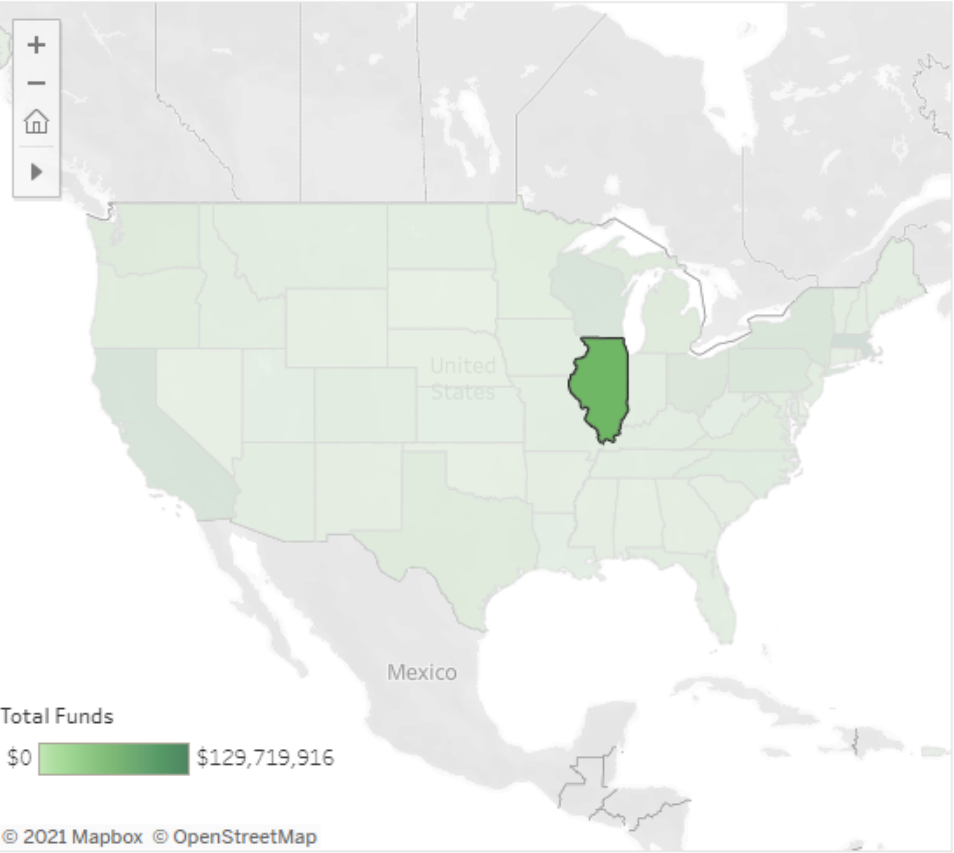
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|----------------------|--------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Funding + Production | Funding Maps | T/TA | Funding by Source | DOE Funds | LIHEAP Funds | Other Funds | Funding Over Time |
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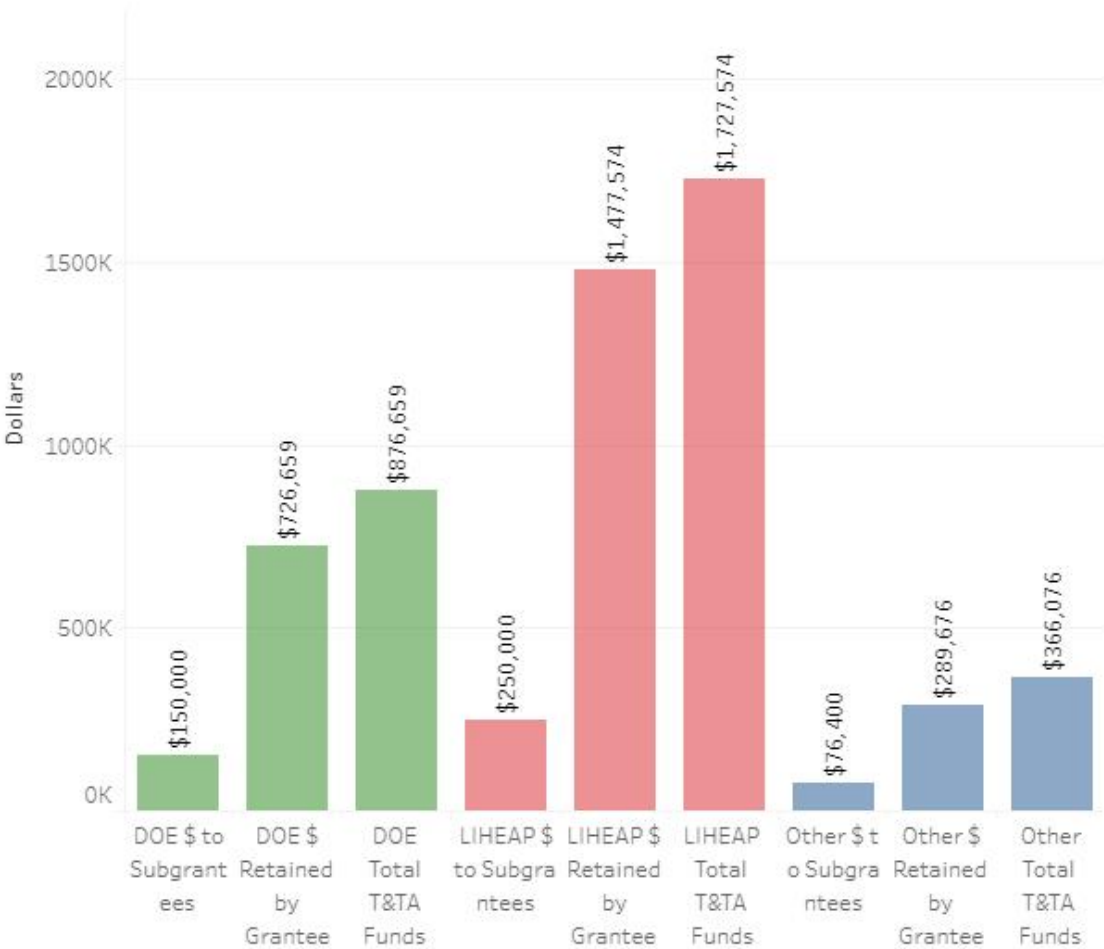
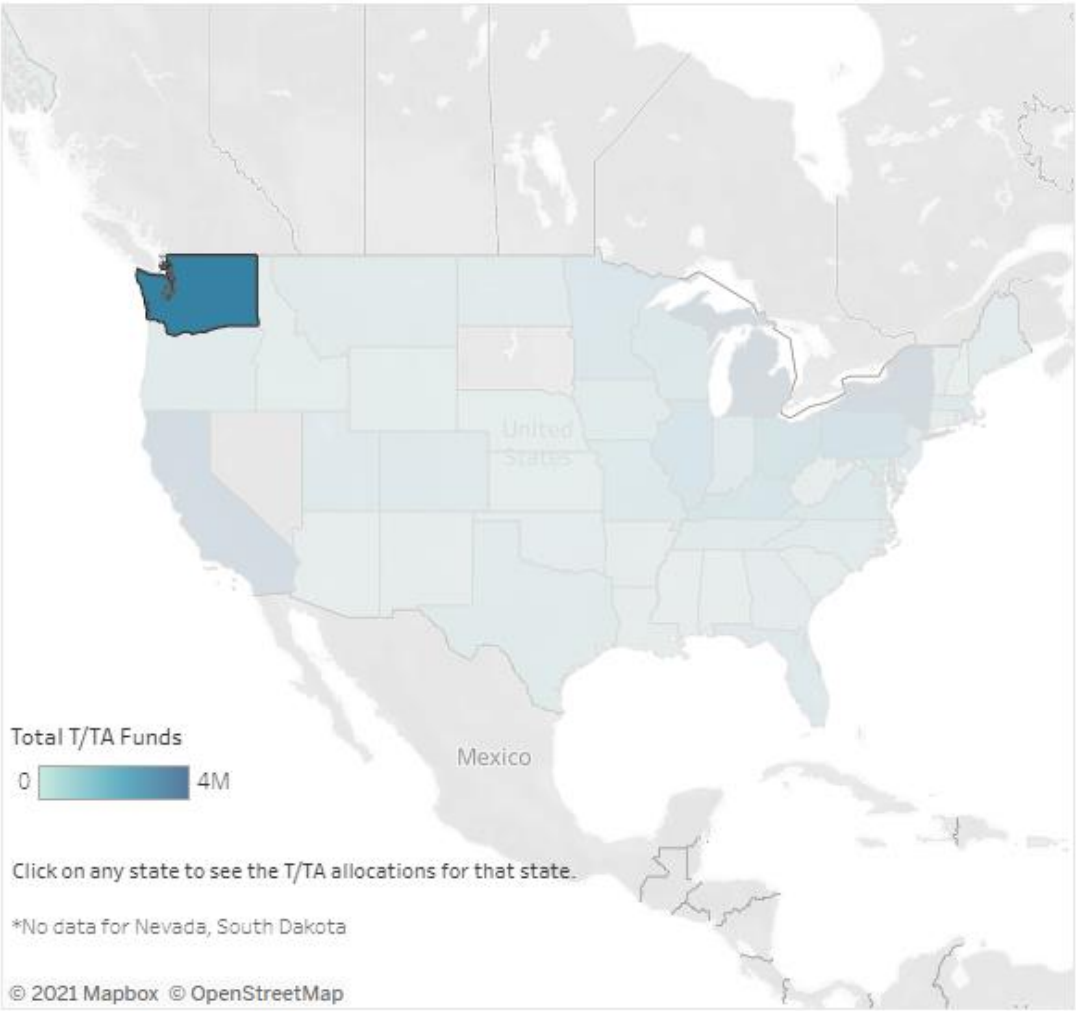
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Total Weatherization Funding by State, 2019



# 2019 Funding Report - Technical Assistance Funds

2019 Weatherization Training & Technical Assistance





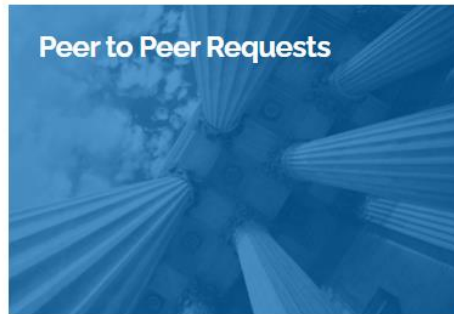
# Grantee Staffing Resources in the Member Portal

- New Dashboard based on data collected in the 2019 Funding Survey

## WAP Member-Only Resources



Browse NASCSP's library of member only resources.



## Other Resources

Plans and Maps



Wage Data Sources



Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)



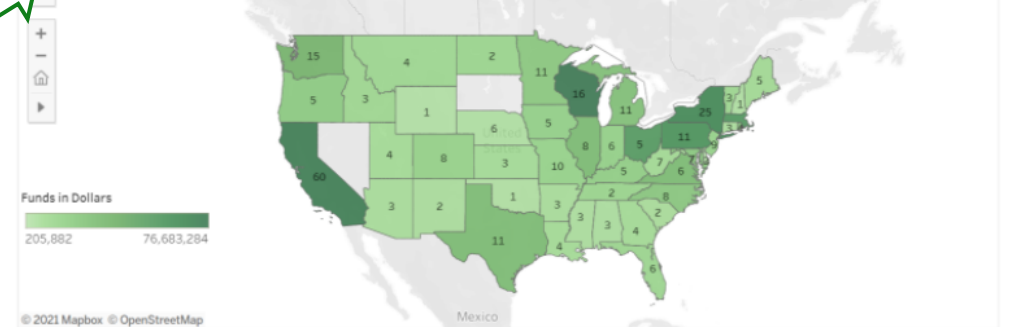
Other Resources



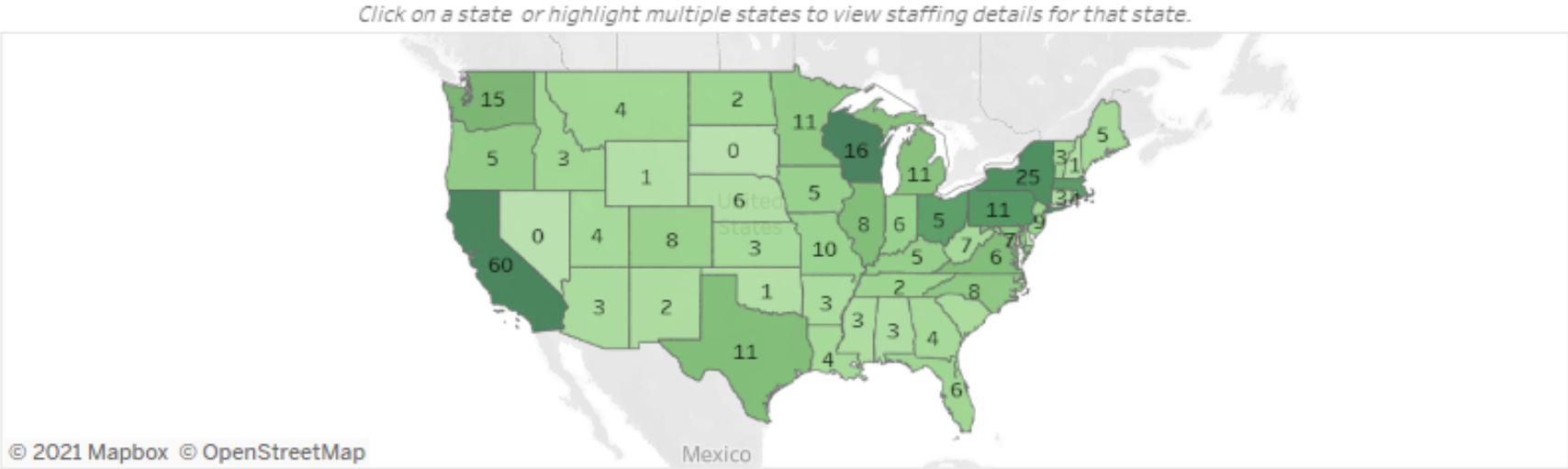
- **2019 WAP Grantee Staffing Graphics Dashboard** (shown below)

### Grantee WAP Staff, 2019

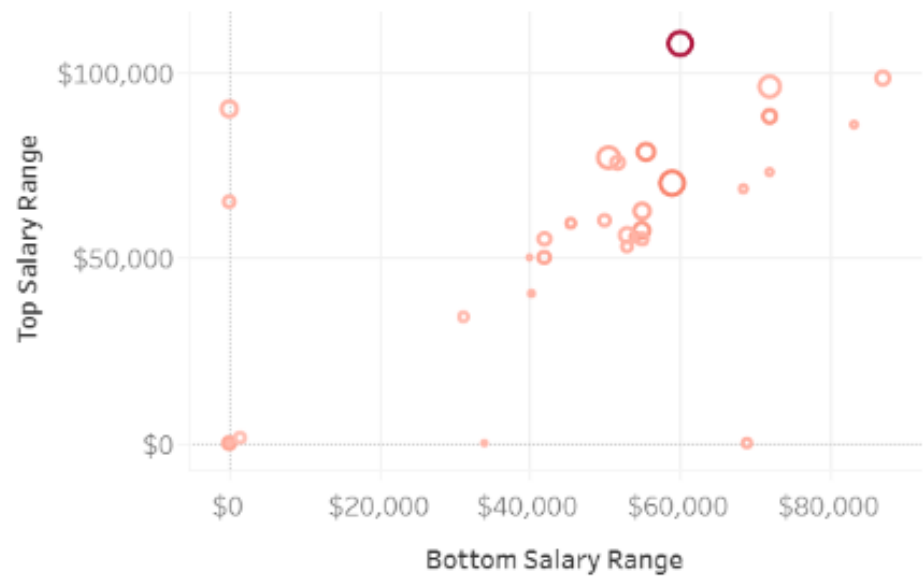
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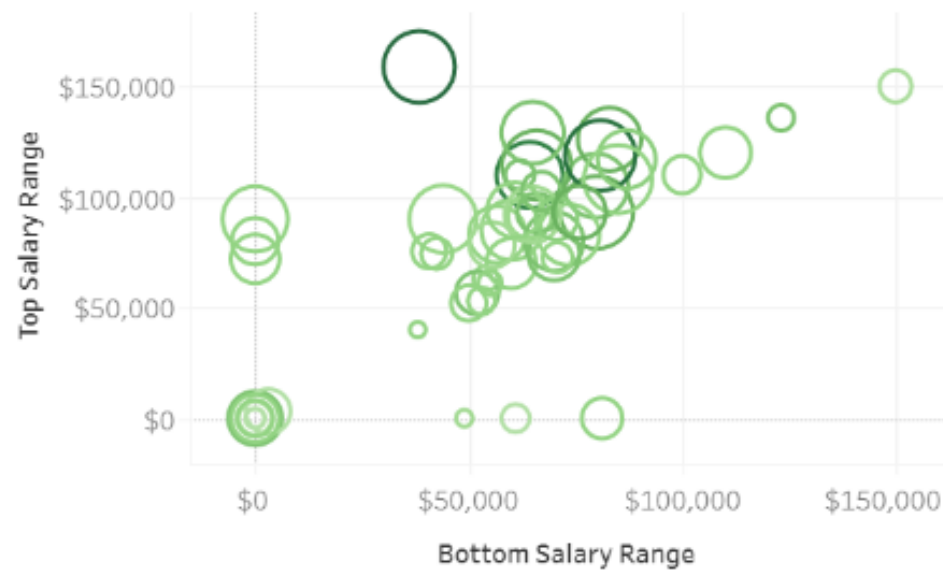
# Grantee Staffing and Funding 2019



Policy Analyst/Project Coordinator



Program Manager



# NEW Grantee Online Training

- ▶ In partnership with the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (IREC) and NASCSP, NREL is launching a project to develop online training for Grantees.
- ▶ We are currently **recruiting** Grantee **Subject Matter Experts** to provide input on content and development of the trainings.

Grantee Training Practitioner Cohort Applications are due March 17: <https://sws.nrel.gov/grantee-training>.

If you have specific ideas for online trainings you would like to see, email [weatherization.support@nrel.gov](mailto:weatherization.support@nrel.gov).

# BPI HEP Extensions

- NASCSP and Energy Out West Boards requested that BPI extend all BPI HEP Certifications through December 31, 2021 due to COVID
- On January 28, 2021 BPI extended certifications through **September 30, 2021**

**Energy Auditor Information:** <http://bpi.org/certified-professionals/energy-auditor>

NOTE: For BPI Energy Auditors whose expiration dates fall between now and 2/28/2022, please submit this [renewal application](#) with proof of Energy Modeling experience to BPI prior to scheduling your field exam to renew your certification.

You will need to submit this application regardless of whether you are using CEUs to bypass the online exam.

# WAP Member Planning and Action Session

TUESDAY March 2, 2021

2 - 4 pm EST

## PRIORITiES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Please [Register](#)

- ▶ Open to ALL NASCSP Members
- ▶ Questions generated from the member planning and action session will be addressed by DOE at our Annual Winter Conference.
- ▶ Virtual ZOOM Meeting

# NASCSP Updates - Webinars & Resources

## WAPTAC - WEBINARS



- ▶ WAP Program Year 2019 Funding Survey Webinar
- ▶ WDWG Launches Wage Survey Tools
- ▶ PY 2021 State Plan Development Strategies
- ▶ 2020 WAP Reauthorization Bill
- ▶ How WAP Teams Deliver COVID Safe Energy Retrofits

## WAPTAC - WAP PUBLICATIONS

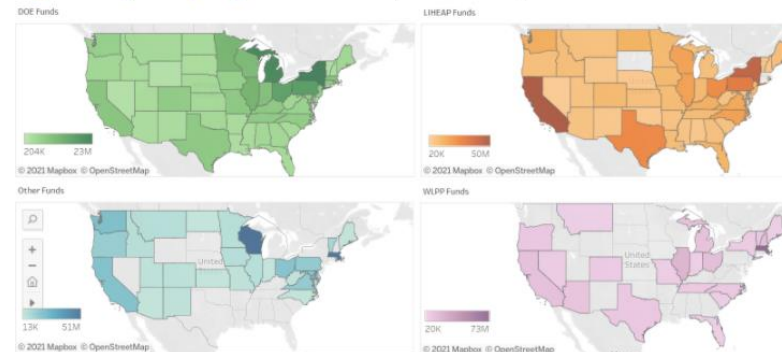


### ▶ 2019 Annual Funding Survey

Most Recent: [NASCS 2019 WAP Funding Survey](#)

Appendix: [2019 Funding Survey Tables](#)

[2019 Funding Survey Graphics Dashboard](#) (shown below)



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## Programmatic Resources



### ACSI Working Groups

[2019 ACSI Working Group Summary Report](#)

[+ More ACSI Information](#)

# DOE WPN and Memo Updates

**WAP Memorandum 074:** Update and transition process for WA Suite

**WAP Memorandum 075:** Reauthorization Impacts for State Plan Submission

**Weatherization Program Notice 21-1:** Program Year 2021 Weatherization Grant Application.

**Weatherization Program Notice 21-2:** Program Year 2021 Grantee Allocations.

**Weatherization Program Notice 21-3:** 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines and Definition of Income.



# WAP Memo 074 - Weatherization Assistant Suite of Tools Update

## *What changed?*

- Updates posted to the Weatherization Assistant Suite of Tools
- Details and timeline for adoption (extension)

## *What should you do?*

- Grantees must adopt web-based version of WA by start of Grantees 2022 Program Year (4/1/2022 or 7/1/2022)
  - May begin transition June 1, 2021
- WA users must submit a process description of the transition in PY21 State Plan Submittal
- Grantees can use existing audit procedures
- Per WPN 19-4, Grantees must grant read-only administrative access to DOE
- Training from ORNL beginning May 2021

# WAP Memo 075 - WAP Reauthorization Impacts for State Plan Submission

## *What changed?*

- Passage of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021
  - includes Weatherization Re-authorization through 2025
    - Increase in Administrative funds from 10 to 15 percent of grant
    - Authority to reweatherize a home if 15 years have passed\*

## *What should you do?*

- Await further guidance regarding 15-year reweatherization schedule
  - There is legislative language that must be fixed
- 15% Administrative funds
  - Maximum of 7.5% to Grantee, minimum of 7.5% to Subgrantees
- Additional 5% may be allocated to Grantees receiving less than \$350,000 (unchanged). Grantee to develop criteria for this.

\*further work needed

# WPN 21-1 - PY 2021 Weatherization Grant Application

## ***What changed?***

Published under a Continuing Resolution, Reauthorization has since passed  
ACPU = \$7,776 (\$3,815 for renewable energy systems)

***(4.1) Option to combine program years***

***(4.4) PAGE System corrected (Section IV)***  
***All sections in PAGE must be completed***

***(4.5) Reporting of window replacements required (quarterly in PAGE)***  
***(excludes ECM window replacements)***

# WPN 21-2- PY 2021 Grant Allocations

WAP Appropriation: \$310,000,000.

- \$18,600,000 available to Grantees via Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program (WIPP). More information to follow.
- \$1,000,000 to develop/implement strategies to treat harmful substances (vermiculite)
- \$5,000,000 T&TA
- Appropriations exceeding \$300,000,000 authorize the Secretary of Energy to make funding available for SERC Grants
  - \$6,200,000 available for SERC (\$6,100,000 available from FY 2020)
  - At the Discretion of the Energy Secretary

# WPN 21-3- 2021 FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES AND DEFINITION OF INCOME

*Annual guidance - updated income limits:*

| Size of Family Unit | 100% FPL  | 200% FPL |
|---------------------|-----------|----------|
| 1                   | \$12,880  | \$25,760 |
| 2                   | \$17,420  | \$34,840 |
| 3                   | \$21,960  | \$43,920 |
| 4                   | \$26,500  | \$53,000 |
| 5                   | \$31,040  | \$62,080 |
| 6                   | \$35,580  | \$71,160 |
| 7                   | \$40, 120 | \$80,240 |
| 8                   | \$44,660  | \$89,320 |

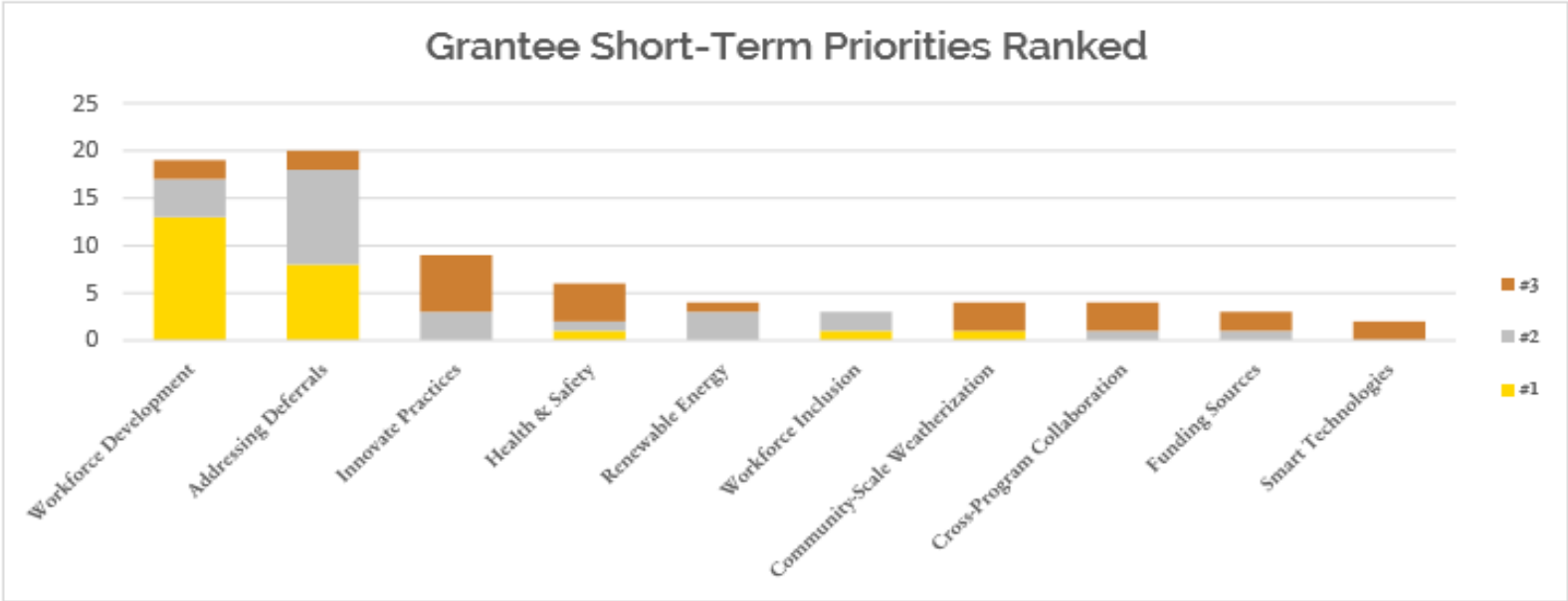
*\*For families with more than 8 persons, 100% FPL increases \$4,540 for each additional person; 200% FPL increases \$9,080 per person*

# Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program (WIPP)

- ▶ [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021](#)
- ▶ Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program (WIPP)
  - ▶ Purpose: increase number of Wx ready homes, ensure healthy indoor environments, hire/retain employees, disseminate new methods/best practices.
  - ▶ Funding based on WAP appropriation (\$25 million cap)
  - ▶ These funds are required (not at discretion of Energy Secretary)
  - ▶ Funds available to Grantees, Subgrantees, other non-profits

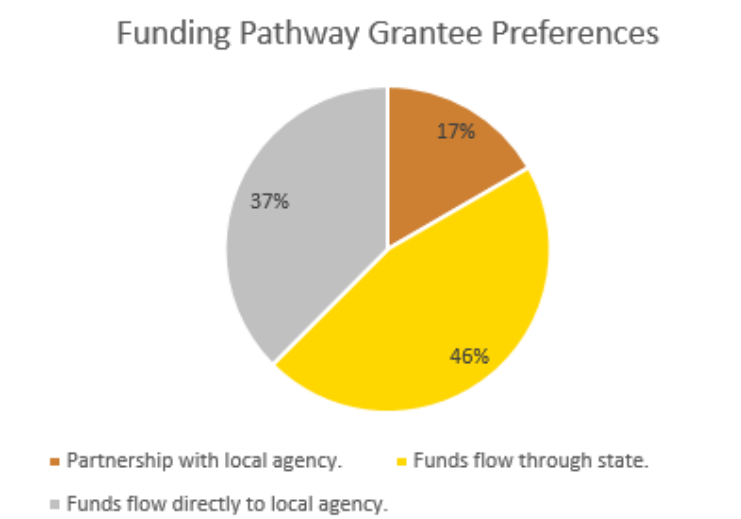
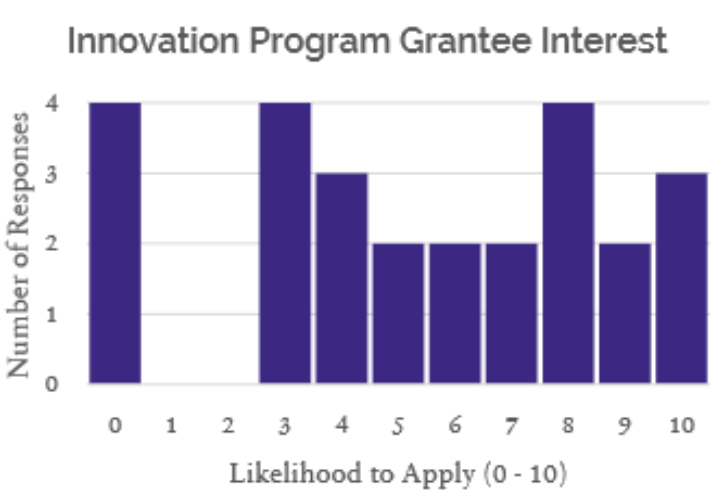
| WAP annual appropriation | Innovation % | Total Innovation Funding |
|--------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| \$225 - 259 Million      | 2%           | \$4.5 - 5.2 Million      |
| \$260 - 299 Million      | 4%           | \$10.4 - 12 Million      |
| \$300 Million or more    | 6%           | \$18 - 25 Million        |

# NASCSP Conducted an Innovation Survey



January 2021

25 Grantees  
Responded





# Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) grant

- ▶ Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) Grant: To expand DOE's WAP by including materials, benefits, and renewable and domestic energy technologies. Homes eligible for traditional WAP would be eligible for additional measures not typically done in WAP.
  - ▶ SERC enabling legislation: [Energy Independence and Security Act, 2007](#)
  - ▶ DOE has made request for 12.3 million to Energy Secretary (FY 2020, 2021)
    - ▶ If request is denied, this money goes back into regular funding formula.
  - ▶ SERC grants can be awarded to Grantees and Subgrantees only

# Jeff Heino, NASCSP WAP Chair

- Recap from NASCSP Board Call with DOE Transition Team
- Member Planning and Action Meeting - ZOOM
  - Tuesday March 2, 2021 from 2:00-4:00 PM
  - Discussing important topics in the WAP and generate DOE questions for Winter conference
  - [Register](#)


# NASCSP Updates

Winter Training Conference – Virtual March 8-12, 2021

Register [here](#)

WAP Memorandum 076

DOE released [WAP Memo 076: Allowable Use of Training Funds for 2021 NASCSP Annual Winter Training Conference](#).



# 2021 Winter Training Conference

"Building the Road Ahead"

## POLL:

Did your state apply for remote / virtual monitoring modifications?

- ▶ Yes, we applied and are approved for remote / monitoring
- ▶ Yes, we applied but are **not yet** approved
- ▶ We plan to apply soon
- ▶ No, we have not applied for monitoring modifications

# Open Discussion

- ▶ Remote / Virtual Monitoring
- ▶ NM, ND, GA, TN, WI - approved
  - Any other states approved?
  - What is the experience with the new virtual methods - lessons learned?
  - How are your Subgrantees adapting?
- Material Shortages and work arounds

# Thanks for attending!



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