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# Agenda

- ▶ Legislative Updates
- ▶ NASCSP Updates
- ▶ DOE Updates
- ▶ Funding Opportunities
- ▶ NASCSP WAP Chair - Jeff Heino

# Legislative Updates - DOE Staffing Updates

- ▶ **Energy Secretary - Former Gov. Jennifer Granholm**
  - Confirmed on February 25th, 2021.
- ▶ **Annamaria Garcia**
  - WIP Director to Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Energy Efficiency for EERE.
- ▶ **Amy Royden Bloom**
  - State Energy Program Manager to Acting WIP Director

# Legislative Updates - Infrastructure Bills

## ► Biden's American Jobs Act

- Summary released on 3/31, full text yet to be released.
  - \$213 billion to build, preserve, or retrofit more than 2 million homes.
- Speech from Biden on 4/28 mentioned infrastructure priorities
  - “For me, when I think climate change, I think jobs. The American Jobs Plan will put engineers and construction workers to work building more energy efficient buildings and homes.”
- WAP stimulus in infrastructure package is unlikely
  - Bipartisan senate negotiations means smaller infrastructure bill
    - Focus will be on traditional infrastructure e.g. bridges & roads
  - We may see movement on this as early as next week

# Legislative Updates - NASCSP Support

- ▶ HOPE for HOMES Act of 2021 Stakeholder Support Letter
  - ▶ Funds online contractor training & homeowner efficiency rebates
- ▶ WAP FY 2022 Appropriations Letters
  - ▶ Requested \$325 million for WAP in FY2022. (\$15 million increase from FY2021.)
- ▶ HUD and DOE housing efficiency letter
  - ▶ Letter to Congress to improve DOE/HUD coordination

# Legislative Updates - Congressional Testimony

- ▶ NASCSP testifies before Congress to support the WAP through appropriations and other legislation. (Pictured below)
- ▶ The Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development has members representing states from across the country
  - Representatives and Senators appreciate hearing WAP success stories from their states



# NASCSP Updates



# NASCSP Updates

## NASCSP met with Amy Royden-Bloom

- Reviewed services and priorities; continue the NASCSP Board meetings

## Recent DOE requested Grantee Surveys:

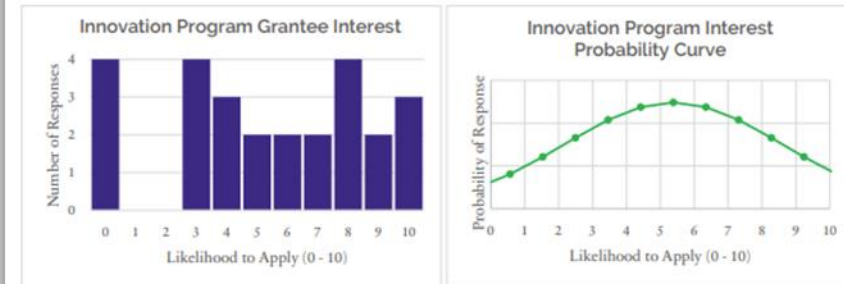
- Enhancement and Innovation Priorities
- PPE Availability
- COVID Equipment Shortages
- COVID layoffs and state travel restrictions
- Deferral tracking
- Community Scale WAP



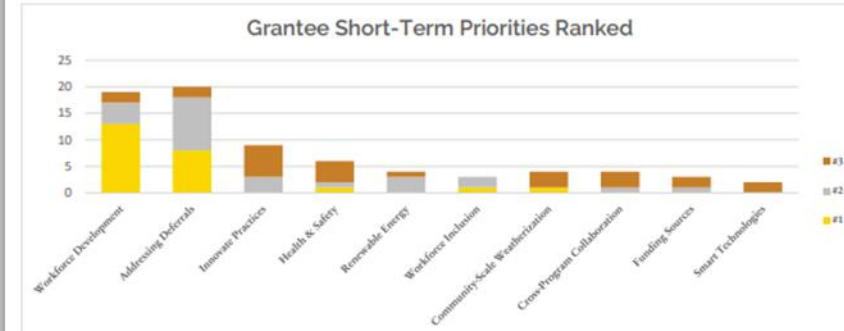
### Competitive Innovation Grant Program NASCSP Grantee Information Request – January 2021

Twenty-five WAP Grantees responded to a NASCSP information request regarding the Competitive Innovation Grant Program and their interest, priorities, and preferred funding pathway.

**Interest:** Grantees were asked to rate their interest in applying to the grant program between 0 and 10. The average interest was moderate at 5.4, but several grantees had very high interest (8-10) and several had no interest. This data is summarized below, with the chart on the left showing survey responses. The probability curve on the right shows general application interest assuming our survey represents the pool of possible applicants.



**Priorities:** Grantees were asked to rank their top three priorities for the grant program in both the short and long term. They identified the following priorities as most important in the short-term: **Workforce Development, Addressing Deferrals, Innovate Practices, Health and Safety Benefits, and Renewable Energy.**



The chart above clearly shows workforce development and addressing deferrals as the two main focuses identified as important by state WAP grantees in the short term. Over the next several years as the county recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and the network begins to return to normal production levels, these two areas are critical.



# NASCSP Winter PY 2021 Virtual Training Conference

- 87% of respondents found the conference enhanced their ability to perform their job.
- 93% of respondent found the format of the conference to be conducive to learning.
- 91% of respondents found the Attendify platform easy to use.
- 63% of respondents found there to be sufficient time to engage with peers.
- 94% of respondents found the conference to be well organized and clearly communicated.
- 98% of respondents found the conference schedule to be adequate.

279 WAP Attendees  
520 Total Attendees

# NASCSP 2021 Training Conference Award Winners

- ▶ Bruce Hagen won the Jean-Diggs Weatherization Champion Award.
- ▶ Chad Turner won the James Gardner Weatherization Award.



# NASCSP WAP Manager Orientation Training



## Protected: WAP New Manager's Orientation



### WAP NEW MANAGER'S ORIENTATION – LIVE SESSIONS

MONDAY May 10, 2021 | 2pm – 4pm EDT

Session 1: Annual Planning and Grant Application | 2pm EDT

[Join Session](#)

This session will provide an overview of the required plan elements, the review and approval process, PAGE navigation, and reporting requirements.

- [Download](#) the presentation
- [View](#) the live recording

Session 2: Program Eligibility and LIHEAP Coordination | 3pm EDT

[Join Session](#)

This session will review important considerations for determining eligibility and coordinating WAP and LIHEAP.

- ▶ Held Virtually  
May 10-13
- ▶ NASCSP/DOE/SMS/IREC presented trainings
- ▶ 28 participants
- ▶ NASCSP will host follow up coaching session in 60 days

# NASCSP Annual Training Conference - A Virtual Experience

**SAVE THE DATE: September 20-24, 2021**

Please email [aschroer@nascsp.org](mailto:aschroer@nascsp.org) this week if you want to join the WAP Conference Committee

WAP Conference Committee Member	State	Region
Jeff Heino	Wisconsin	4
Bruce Hagen	North Dakota	4
Scott Kuhn	Kansas	3
Josh Larose	Vermont	1
Mary Muenier	Wisconsin	4

# NASCSP Upcoming Training Webinar

► Acquiring a Data Management System - A Project Management Approach

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwscOmvpijgrHtFssG4Ewp2UolkpgrJvJnwe>

- 1:00- 2:30 PM ET June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - Frame the scope the project
  - Assist in developing the Stakeholder Group
  - Project Timeline, Project Charter examples
  - Develop system requirements
  - Considerations for RFP development
  - NASCSP Resources on the Member Portal

# Upcoming Trainings and Webinars

## ► NEUAC Conference

- June 8, 2021 - Andrea will present with TVA a session on “Virtual Tools in a post-COVID world”.
- <https://neuac.org/event/neuac-2021-annual-conference-virtual/>

## ► WAP Training Providers Summit (DOE, ORNL)

- July 13, 15, 20

## ► Continuous Improvement Workshop (DOE, NREL)

- Final Workshop - Subgrantees. 6/17/2021

# Workforce Development Poll:

Q: Are you working with your state workforce development office or WIOA for WAP recruitment and/or training?

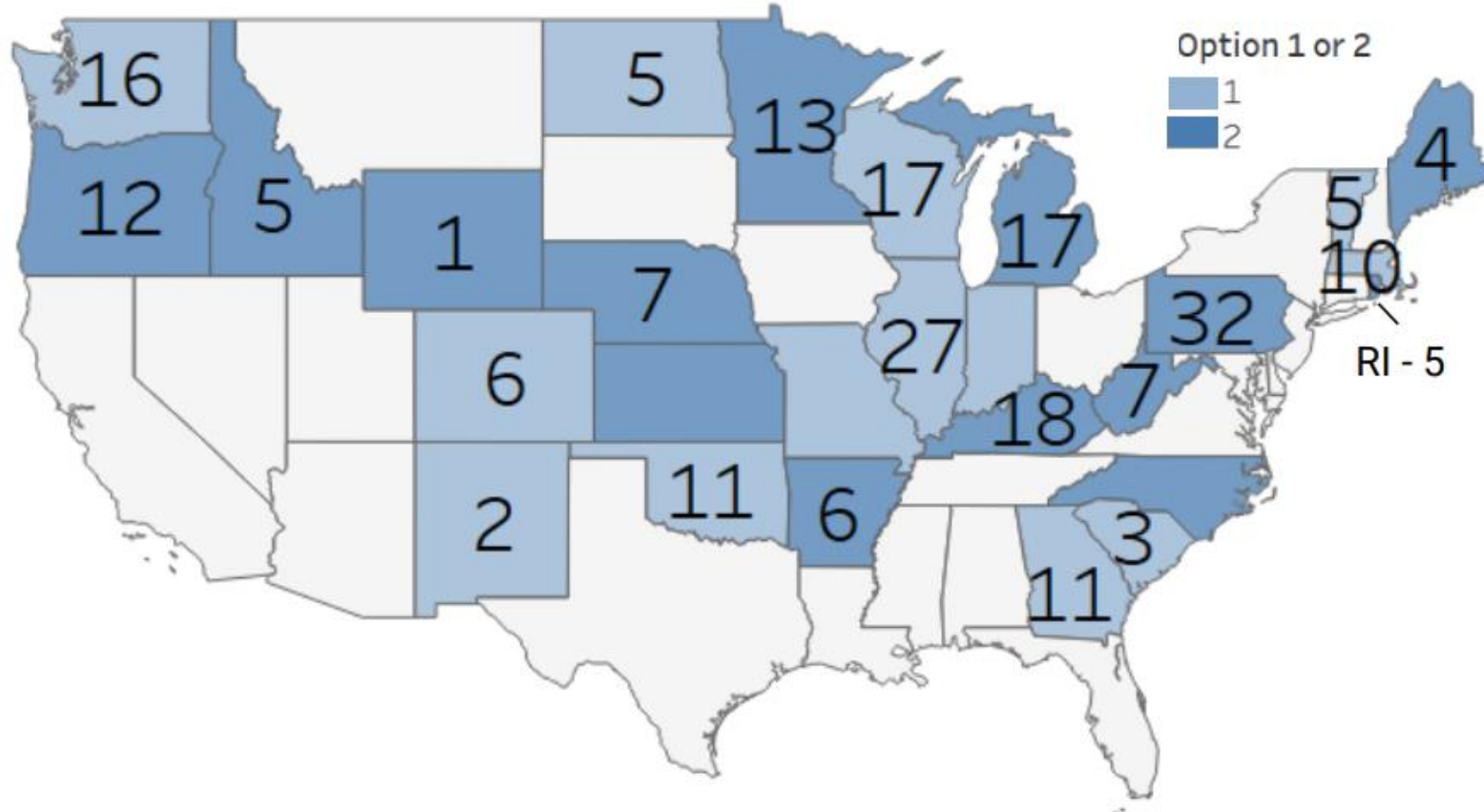
- ▶ Yes, we working with them
- ▶ No, we are not working with them
- ▶ Not yet, but we plan to work with them
- ▶ We need help with who to contact in our state



# WORKFORCE WAGE SURVEY

MAY 2021

The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP) conducted a Wage Survey in partnership with states to learn more about wages and workforce development in the Weatherization Assistance Program.



# Wage Survey Data - Participation Results

**27** States participated

**13** Used Option 1 Surveys

**14** Used Option 2 Surveys

**286** Total Surveys

**135** Option 1 Surveys

**151** Option 2 Surveys

## SURVEY RESPONDENTS:

TYPE OF AGENCY	CREW OR CONTRACTOR BASED
CAA - 211 (74%)	Contractor - 142 (50%)
Nonprofit - 38 (13%)	Crew - 81 (28%)
Local Government - 36 (13%)	Both - 63 (22%)
Tribe/Tribal Entity- 1 (.4%)	



# Wage Survey Data - NEXT STEPS

- ▶ NASCSP delivered 27 state wage summaries to participating state managers
  - State Managers should meet with Subgrantees to review wage data
- ▶ NASCSP and NREL
  - Meetings on further Data Analysis
- ▶ NASCSP shared de-identified wage data with IREC / NREL / NASEO



# Workforce Development Working Group



Developing **BEST PRACTICES**  
from the wage survey and  
state level data:

- ▶ Attraction / Recruitment
- ▶ Training / Partnerships
- ▶ Retention

# Racial Equity Working Group

## Racial Equity Work Group Update

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- Meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup>: Discuss proposed webinar schedule and draft NASCSP Racial Equity Statement
- Launching Racial Equity webpage on public facing website as well as resource page in membership portal
- Securing meetings with OCS, DOE and other National Partners on how to coordinate efforts.



# PY 2020 Annual Funding Survey

- NASCSP is contracted with the DOE to collect annual funding data for the WAP
- Surveys will be sent to the April 1 States the week of **May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021**
  - **Due: July 5, 2021**
- Surveys will be sent to the July 1 States the week of **July 1, 2021**
  - **Due: August 9, 2021**

# PY 2020 Annual Funding Survey

- NEW online format this year
- Email from NASCSP will include:
  - Instructions for completing the survey (written instructions and video instructions)
  - Link to the online survey
  - Deadline to submit the survey

Please contact Paige, [pmilson@nascsp.org](mailto:pmilson@nascsp.org) with any questions.

## PY 2020 WAP Funding Survey

Please use the instructions attached to the email with this survey link to complete this survey. We encourage you to use the .pdf of this survey (attached in email) to prepare your responses and then submit them into this survey. However if that is not an option, pressing "Next" and "Prev" at the bottom of the pages will allow you to save your work and return later. In order to do this, you must leave the tab open in your browser.

Please complete this survey as soon as possible or by July 5, 2021 (For April 1 States) or August 9, 2021 (For July 1 States). Your survey will be reviewed and you will be contacted about any issues that may need to be resolved. NASCSP appreciates your assistance and thanks you in advance for your timely response to this survey.

Please contact Paige Milson ([pmilson@nascsp.org](mailto:pmilson@nascsp.org)) with any questions.

\* Grantee Name

\* Contact information of survey respondent:

Name

Email Address

Phone Number

**\*\*EVEN IF YOU USED MORE THAN ONE FUNDING SOURCE, EACH DOLLAR SHOULD ONLY BE LISTED IN ONE FIELD IN SECTION 1 OR 2 AND EACH UNIT LISTED IN ONE FIELD IN SECTION 3 OR 4.**

**Section 1. Federal Funding-** Please report how much funding of each type you had available in PY 2020 (Including carryover).

\* a. 2020 DOE Funding Amount \$



# 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.
- ▶ NASCSP and WAP Subject Matter Experts meet bi-weekly to provide input on content and development of the trainings.

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

# NASCSP Member Portal Updates

Approved PY 2021 State Plans  
have been loaded

Several PY 2021 T&TA Plans  
have been loaded

## 2021 State Plans

Alabama  
Alaska  
Delaware  
Georgia  
Guam  
Idaho  
Iowa  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
Oklahoma  
South Carolina

## 2021 T&TA Plans

Georgia  
Maine  
Massachusetts  
Oklahoma

# DOE Updates

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# DOE Updates - Project Officer Assignments

- ▶ A warm welcome to:
  - Brittany Price
  - Amy Klusmeier
- ▶ A fond farewell to:
  - Katherine Foote
  - Bill Orthwein
  - Expect announcement soon!
- ▶ [Current P.O. assignments](#)

## WAP Monitoring Tools



Click on States below to view monitoring tools. Some links are to zip folders that contain multiple tools.

The Department of Energy has started reviewing and approving grantee plans for Virtual Technical Monitoring, beginning with **New Mexico**. Approved grantee plans may be useful for other grantees still in the processing of formulating virtual monitoring procedures.

### DOE Project Officers

**DOE Updated P&M Project Officers and Technical Team Project Officers**– (updated as of February, 2021)

# DOE Status: State Plan Submissions

## DOE Reported Status as of 5/18/2021

**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 (13)	July 1 Grantees (44)	States combining 2019-2020 budget periods	States combining 2020-2021 budget periods
Approved: Full Unconditional Award of Application Based on WPN 21-2 (0)	13	4	0	1
Tech Eval sent to FAO Specialist: In FAO Specialist Review/ Cost Price Review/ Peer Review/ Contracting Officer Review (0)	0	3	0	0
Application Submitted: In WAP Project Officer Review/ Grantee Resolution of DOE Questions (11)	0	34	6	0
Awaiting Application to be Submitted by Grantee (46)	0	3	0	0

# DOE UPDATES



## DOE GRANT FINAL YEAR

The ACPU is a  
statutory  
requirement

DOE extended the  
grant period + 2  
years due to COVID

# 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
  - No SIR requirement for SERC funds!



# Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program (WIPP) 'Enhancement and Innovation' (E&I)

- ▶ [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

# Weatherization Assistant

- ▶ DOE has indicated it will release a *Memo* soon
- ▶ Relax the implementation timeline
- ▶ Issues with WA v10 and online interconnectivity

# Funding Opportunities

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# Enhancement and Innovation Grant Listening Sessions

- ▶ 2 sessions held, 388 attendees
- ▶ Attendees vote for prioritization of grant awards
  1. Weatherization Ready
  2. Healthy Indoor Environments
  3. Hiring and Retention
  4. Renewable Energy
  5. Disseminate New Methods and Best Practices
- ▶ Participants were asked how proposals should be scored

# Proposed Timelines for Competitive Grants

## Next Steps and Tentative Timeline

- **March 2 and 4, 2021: Listening Sessions**
  - Purpose: Gather input from weatherization network and interested parties on immediate need for funding to inform 2021 Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
  - March 2, 2-4 p.m. ET – [Register here](#)
  - March 4, 5-7 p.m. ET – [Register here](#)
- **Fall 2021: Publish FOA**
  - Concept papers tentatively due in October 2021
  - Applications tentatively due in December 2021
- **Early 2022: Announce Award Selections**

# DOL FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

## Funding Alert: \$3.5 million for Organizations Supporting Women in Registered Apprenticeships and Nontraditional Occupations

The Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations (WANTO) grant program will award up to 10 grants to community-based organizations to recruit, mentor, train, and retain more women in quality Registered Apprenticeship programs and nontraditional occupations.

**Apply by June 4, 2021.**

- [Read the press release](#)
- [Apply for the grant](#)
- [Read about the 2020 grantees](#)



# DOE Funding Opportunities

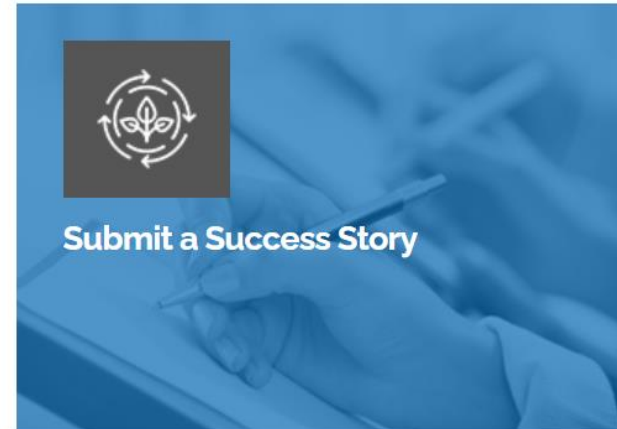
- ▶ Department of Energy
  - Solar Deployment in Underserved Communities
    - <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-launches-initiatives-accelerate-solar-deployment-underserved-communities>





# Jeff Heino, NASCSP WAP Chair

- ▶ Funding Flexibility for Equipment Delays
- ▶ We need your success stories
  - NASCSP and DOE Communications
  - <https://nascsp.org/wap/advocacy/>
  - Email [aschroer@nascsp.org](mailto:aschroer@nascsp.org)



# Open Discussion

## **Multi-Family Audit Approval Process**

- What are the roadblocks in the process to getting an approved audit tool?
- Other issues we can bring back to DOE?

# Thanks for attending!



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