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## WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

NASCSP Winter Training Conference WAP Federal Perspectives – Preliminary Slide Deck April 2023



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- Program Successes
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- Data Collection and Reporting

- WAP Innovation Overview
- Training & Technical Assistance
  - Overarching Support

### Weatherization Assistance Program Successes

- Over the last six years (2016-2021), the WAP Network weatherized over **190,900 dwellings** with DOE funds.
  - That equates to roughly 5,594,952 MBTU!
- During the height of the pandemic the WAP Network, even amid restrictions and shutdowns, still managed to weatherize almost **24,000 homes** in 2020.
- And even though we're still grappling with challenges from the pandemic, the Network weatherized over 30,000 additional weatherized homes in 2021.





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### Weatherization Success Stories – Share your Story!

#### Send your stories to <u>wap@hq.doe.gov</u>



Secretary Jennifer Granholm 🧇 @SecGranholm

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.@POTUS' clean energy laws were set up to help homeowners like Patricia weatherize their homes and get big savings on their monthly energy bills. After getting a home energy audit and making upgrades, Patricia cut her monthly bill from \$180  $\rightarrow$  \$86. #GoCleanSaveGreen



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STATE AND COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAMS

#### Office of State and Community Energy Programs

#### EERE Success Story–Building a Green Generation in Chicago

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A G2 student working on a sealant project.

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A G2 student working in a model home at the training center.

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## DOE ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

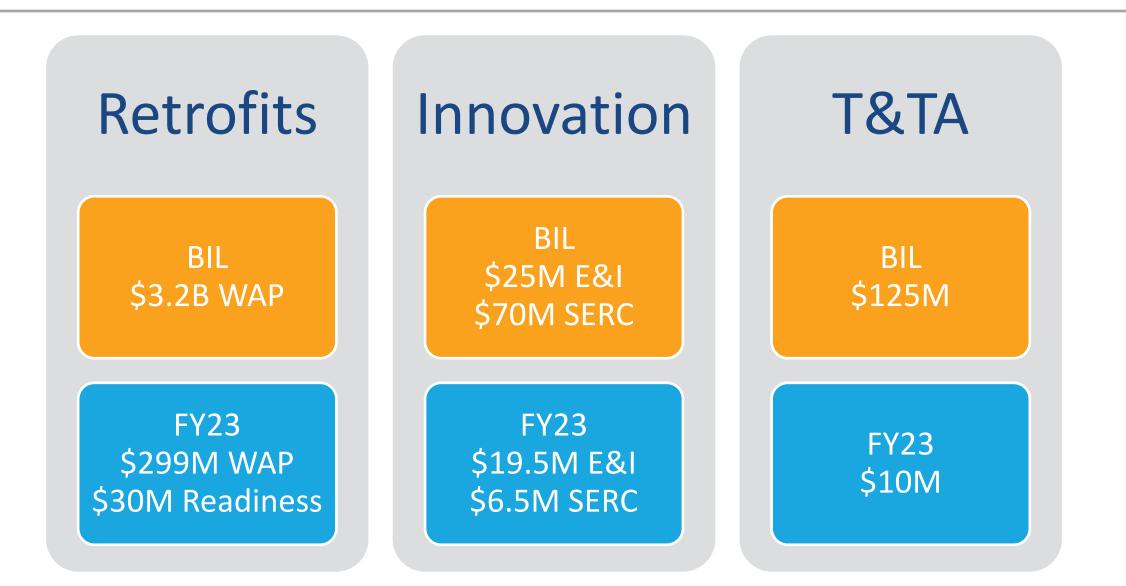
## Office of State and Community Energy Programs

Our goal is to extend the capacity and capabilities of states, tribes, local governments, schools, and community-serving organizations to implement high-impact, self-sustaining clean energy projects that center the needs of low-income and Disadvantaged Communities (DACs).

SCEP does this through the management and oversight of \$16 billion worth of formula grants, competitive grant awards, consumer rebate grants, and technical assistance.



#### Weatherization Assistance Program



#### WAP Team Structure

#### The WAP Team:

- Retrofit & Readiness Team
  - Programmatic Team
  - Technical Team
- Innovation Team
- T&TA Team

For the regular formula and BIL grants, every Grantee is assigned both a Programmatic and a Technical Project Officer.

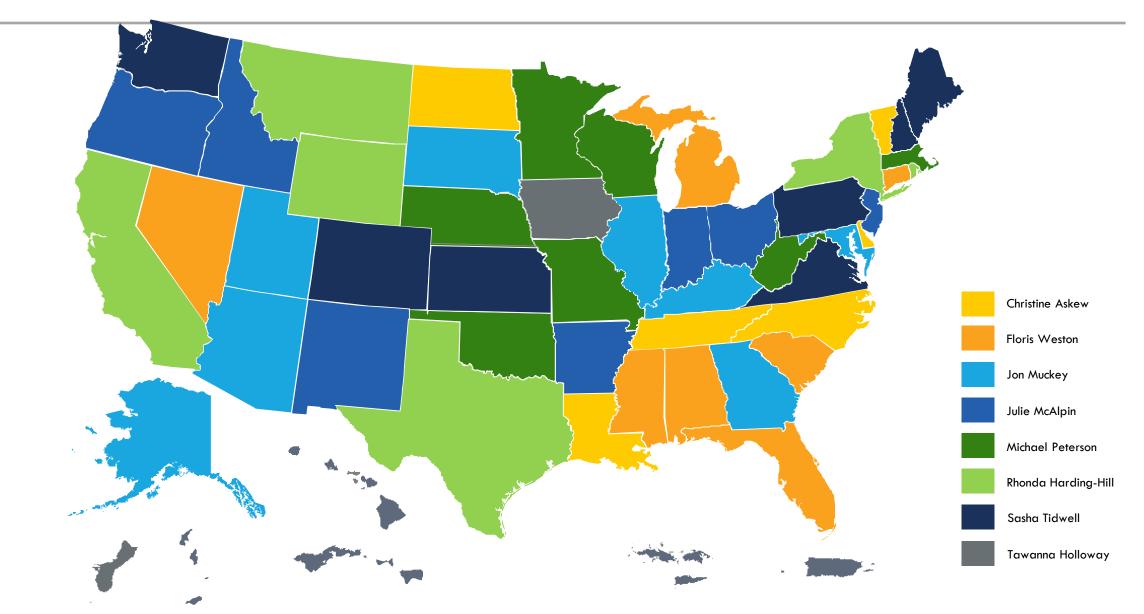
 New DOE staff assignments will be completed by July 2023.

#### Why the Team Approach?

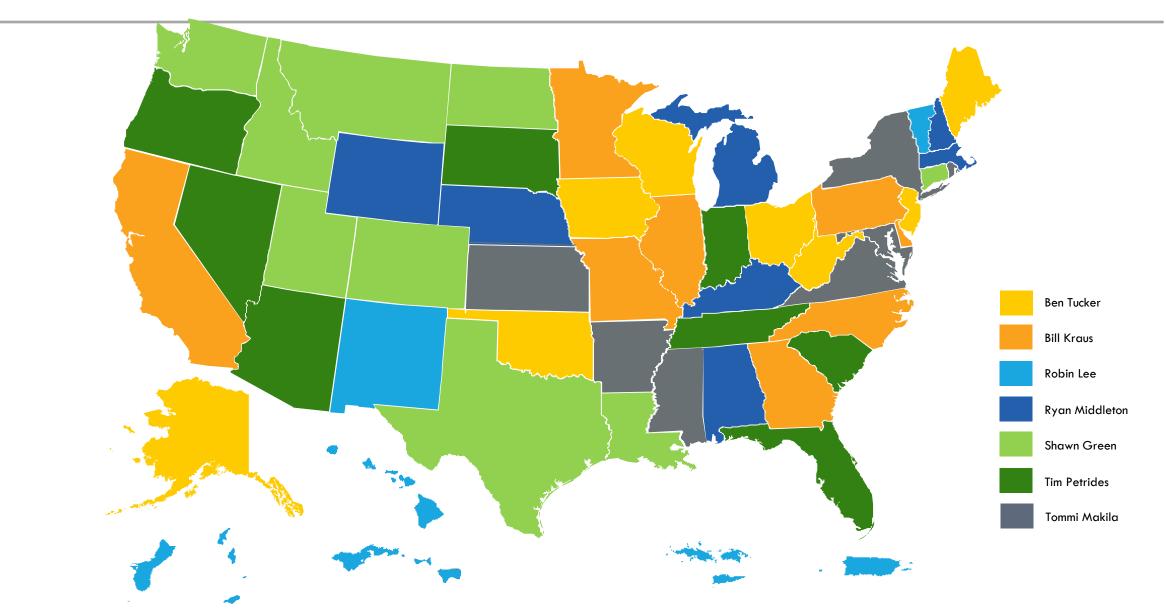
The team approach provides the following:

- Improves DOE consistency in applying WAP policies and procedures.
- Increases the efficiency of grant application approvals and other materials (e.g., policies and procedures, field guides, energy audits).
- Improves customer service by providing specific, comprehensive support.

### WAP Programmatic Project Officer Assignments



### WAP Technical Project Officer Assignments



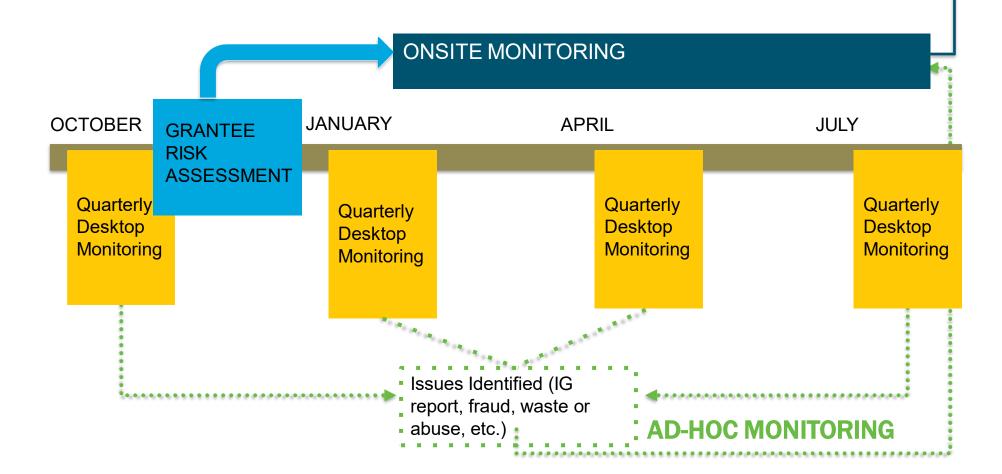
### Program Monitoring & Risk Assessment

- The Department of Energy monitors a percentage of Weatherization Grantees each year.
- The selection of Grantees for onsite monitoring is determined by completing an annual **Risk Assessment**.
- Weatherization's goal in the annual risk assessment process is to:
  - Remove any subjectivity or bias from the analysis.
  - Have questions that are fair, measurable and objective.

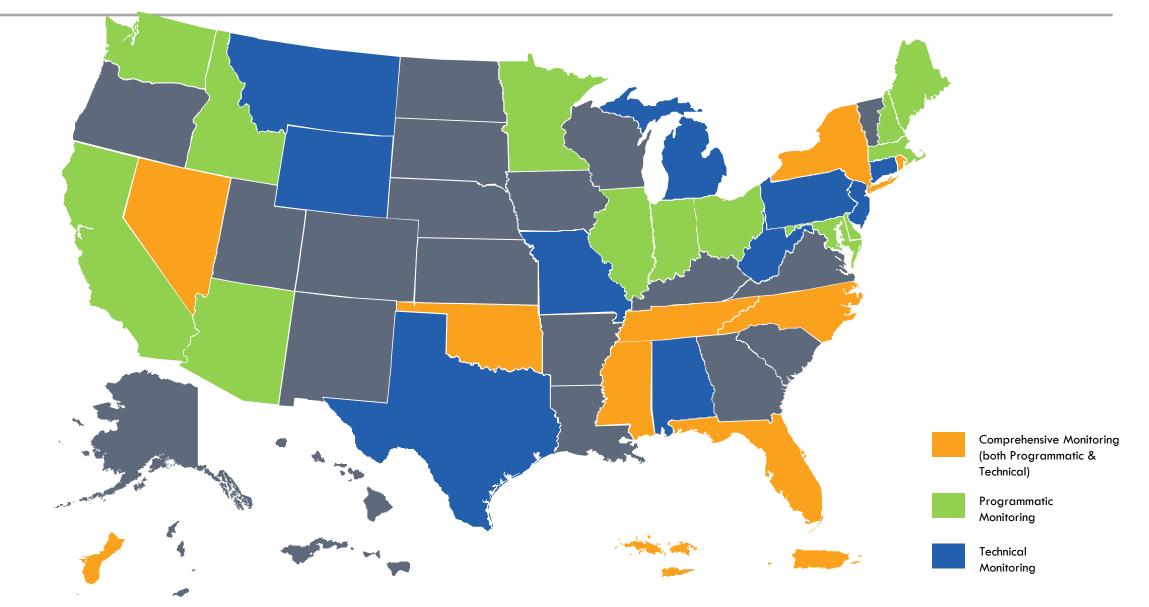
Outcome: Systematic process to identify the level of risk which determines whether monitoring should be done.

### **Federal Monitoring Layers**

#### CONTINUAL MONITORING (ONSITE AND DESK)



### FY 2023 Monitoring



## WAP FUNDING UPDATE

### FY 2023 WAP Appropriations - \$366 million

- \$326 million: Formula Funds, which include the following:
  - \$19.56 million: Enhancement & Innovation (E&I) @ 6%
  - \$6.52 million: Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers Grants (SERC) @ 2%
- \$30 million: Weatherization Readiness Funds (WRF)
- \$10 million: Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)
  - \$1M of this is for congressionally directed vermiculite study

## Total Grantee Allocation \$298,920,000

Weatherization Readiness Funds \$30,000,000

Program Allocation \$246,609,000 T&TA \$52,311,000

### **PY23 Application Package Reminders**

#### Application Plan/Packages by Start Date

Complete application package will be due no later than 12:00 noon Local Time of each Grantee on the due dates above, in accordance with each Grantee's Program Year (PY).

#### April 1<sup>st</sup> Start Date: Due February 10, 2023

- 9 plans submitted
- 1 plan rejected
- 1 plan in development

#### July 1<sup>st</sup> Start Date: Due May 3, 2023

• 16 plans in development

- Encourage Subgrantee participation to provide ideas, suggestions and feedback throughout the state plan development.
  - Policy Advisory Councils (PAC)
  - Technical Review Panels
  - Roundtable Discussions

### BIL Timeline | Release of Funds

#### COMPLETED

- All Grantees received initial 15% of funds.
- BIL awards have the same start date of 7/1/2022.

1<sup>st</sup> Tranche of BIL Funds 15% of allocation 2<sup>nd</sup> Tranche of BIL Funds **35% of allocation** 

#### IN PROCESS

- Grantees finalizing their initial 5-year BIL application. As of March 7:
- 11 Grantees received approval for 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche
- 17 plans are in FAO review.
- 11 plans are in the DOE review process.
- 14 plans are rejected for corrections.
- 4 plans are in process.

#### FUTURE

 Grantees must meet all the identified goals to receive the remaining 50% of BIL funds.

> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tranche of BIL Funds 50% of allocation

### BIL Grants – Goals for Remaining 50% of BIL Allocation

The remaining 50% of the BIL grant will be released once the following goals are achieved:

- 30% of all BIL units estimated to be weatherized in approved Weatherization Plans are weatherized.
- DOE-approved monitoring plan and inspection protocol implemented.
- Monitoring completed at each Subgrantee at least once per year.
- Local quality control efforts are in place.
- At least 5% completed units inspected by Grantee QCI annually.
- Grantee progress reports are acceptable and submitted in accordance with grant requirements.
- Monitoring reviews by DOE confirm acceptable performance.

### Davis Bacon Compliance Resources – Coming Soon

- FAQs WAP-specific items vetted by DOL.
- Network-wide trainings so everyone is on same page!
- DOE procured compliance tool aimed to assist network with DBA compliance. Key features:
  - Will have common interface characteristics so agencies/contractors can easily upload payroll and meet compliance filing requirements.
  - Will provide "read only" access to Grantees and DOE to meet necessary oversight.
  - Will meet DOL requirements and immediately flag any inconsistencies or compliance issues.
  - Provides training resources.

## PROGRAM/POLICY UPDATES

#### **Released Weatherization Program Notices (WPN)**

- Weatherization Program Notice 23-2: Program Year (PY) 2023 Grantee Allocations (2/3/23)
  - This notice provides Grantee allocations for the preparation and submission of applications for funding of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for PY 2023.
- Weatherization Program Notice 23-3: 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines and Definition of Income (2/3/23)
  - This notice provides Grantees with the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines and Definition of Income for use in the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).
- Weatherization Program Notice 23-4: Weatherization Readiness Funds – Expansion of Scope (1/27/23)
- Weatherization Program Notice 23-5: Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement & Innovation Policy and Reporting (2/23/23)
  - This notice describes applicable WAP E&I policies and reporting requirements for program administration, implementation, and future Grantee monitoring and evaluation.

- Weatherization Program Notice 23-6: Revised Energy Audit Approval Procedures, Related Audit and Material Approvals Including Fuel-Switching and Solar PV (3/3/23)
  - This notice clarifies criteria used by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE)
     Weatherization Assistance Program for evaluation of Grantee compliance with 10 CFR 440.21; simplifies the process by which Grantees submit energy audit procedures, priority lists, materials lists, and lists of general heat waste reduction measures to DOE for approval every five years pursuant to 10 CFR 440.21(i).
- Weatherization Program Notice BIL 23-4: Department of Energy Monitoring of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the Weatherization Assistance Program (3/9/23)
  - Provides updates to the Department of Energy's (DOE) Weatherization
     Assistance Program (WAP) monitoring activities with the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grants.

#### **Released Weatherization Memorandums**

- Memorandum 102: 2023 BPA National Home Performance Conference and Trade Show (1/11/2023)
  - Provides notification to the weatherization network that the Department of Energy is in the process of reviewing current data collection forms and
    introducing new data collection fields to address reporting requirements.
- Weatherization Memorandum 103: Weatherization Assistance Program Data Collection Updates (3/6/2023)
  - Provides notification to the weatherization network that the Department of Energy is in the process of reviewing current data collection forms and
    introducing new data collection fields to address reporting requirements.

#### WRF CARRYOVER

Funds can be carried forward into the next budget period within the same grant cycle.

For example, PY 2022 funds can be carried over into PY 2023.

#### WRF FUNDING FLEXIBILITY



Dwellings that receive WRF to make them "weatherization ready" **can be weatherized with either DOE Formula or BIL funds.** 



WRF PRODUCTION

Dwellings receiving WRF do not need to be completed within the same PY but must be completed within the same grant cycle and within a reasonable time.

Grantees must define what that reasonable time is within their WRF plans.

# BIL WPN 23-4: Department of Energy Monitoring of Bipartisan Infrastructure Law in the Weatherization Assistance Program

- Issued on March 9, 2023; Effective Date is April 1, 2023
- Related Guidance WPN 20-4 and BIL WPN 22-1
- Key Monitoring Updates:
  - Annual monitoring frequently will increase over the course the BIL grants.
  - Ensuring Davis-Bacon and Related Act compliance.
  - Ensuring compliance with Average Cost per Unit (ACPU) per WPN BIL 22-1
  - Ensuring progress in meeting the BIL goals expenditures, production, workforce development.
  - SERC BIL grants will be included in this structure.

Monitoring Activities   BIL Grants	High Risk Grantees	Medium Risk Grantees	Low Risk Grantees
Onsite Monitoring Visits	Up to 2 visits	Up to 2 visits	Up to 1 visit
Specialized Desktop Monitoring	Up to 2 specialized monitoring	Up to 2 specialized monitoring	1 specialized monitoring
Quarterly Desktop Monitoring	Quarterly	Quarterly	Quarterly
Communications	Monthly calls or biweekly calls if needed	Monthly calls or biweekly calls if needed	Monthly calls or biweekly calls if needed

#### WPN 23-6: Revised Energy Audit Approval Procedures, Related Audit and Materials Approvals Including Fuel-Switching and Solar PV

- Issued on March 3, 2023; Effective Date is March 3, 2023
- Supersedes WPN 19-4 and WAP Memorandum 024.
- Key Updates:
  - Updated the Multifamily Housing definition to "any building which contains two or more dwelling units as defined in 10 CFR 440.3.
    - Row houses and townhomes may be treated as single-family dwellings if they have independent mechanical systems and are attached only by vertical walls that contain a continuous pressure boundary (i.e.., fire-rated assembly) that is not penetrated from the foundation to the highest point of conditioned space.
  - Clarifications on Energy Audit procedures by housing type
    - Large Multifamily Housing This housing category consists of buildings containing 5 or more dwelling units that are 4 or more stories above grade, or that contain 5 or more units with centralized/shared mechanical systems (e.g., heating, cooling, hot water, ventilation).
    - Low-Rise Multifamily Formerly known as Small Multifamily, this housing category consists of buildings containing 5 or more dwelling units per building, no more than 3 stories above grade, with each individual unit containing its own mechanical systems (no centralized mechanical systems).
    - 2-4 Unit Buildings These buildings are treated as single-family residences from the perspective of the energy audit procedures, though they are reported as multifamily units to DOE.

- Energy Audit Review Process
  - Expedited Review:
    - Approved energy audit tools identified in Attachment 3
    - Must submit all required information described in Attachment 1
    - Package will be processed within 30 calendar days of official acknowledgement of receipt
  - Standard Review:
    - Handled on a case-by-case basis, based on the complexity of the request.
- Supplemental Energy Audit Changes:
  - During the 5-year approval period, Grantees may revise an energy auditing procedures, including adding materials such as Solar PV or implementing a fuel switching through submission of updated Attachment 1 materials.
- Solar PV
  - Development of a solar pilot program is not longer required.
  - New requirement to develop policies and procedures for solar PV.

### **Interagency Coordination**

- Continued interagency coordination with HUD, HHS and USDA
  - List of eligible privately owned HUD-assisted housing for whole building weatherization available.
  - Exploring "means tested" options with USDA to streamline client/building eligibility.
  - Launching a workforce pilot with HUD Public Housing Authorities.
- Current/Future Activities
  - Each agency will contribute to language to create an Interagency MOU.

### **IRA** | Potential Benefits

WAP Team is participating on an internal DOE Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) team to coordinate with the programs that did receive funding. WAP did not receive any direct IRA funding.

#### Home Energy Rebates - \$8.8 billion

- Through September 30, 2031
- Recipients: State Energy Offices and Indian Tribes
  - may use funds to provide rebates to households, contractors and others; determine eligibility of households; streamline rebate processing for households; verify installation and documentation of home upgrades and help households bundle funds and financing to further reduce upfront costs.

#### **Contractor Training - \$200 million**

- Through September 30, 2031
- Recipients: State Energy Offices; <u>Request for Information (RFI)</u> was released on January 18

More Information?

Watch the IRA Home Energy Rebate Programs Informational Webinar

# DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

### Updating Reports – Why Now?

The Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) stipulates that every federal agency must obtain approval from the **Office of Management and Budget (OMB)** for data collection tools and forms on a three-year cycle. The process of submitting the data collection package to OMB is known as an Information Collection Request (ICR).

Current WAP Formula ICR expiration date: May 31, 2023

- **OMB Control #**: <u>1910-5127</u>
- Forms Included: WAP Annual File, Subgrantee Information Worksheet, Quarterly Performance Report, Annual TTA/Monitoring/Leveraging Report

Reporting forms included in other ICRs:

- WAP competitive grants (SERC, CSPP, E&I) OMB Control # 1910-5157
- Historic Preservation OMB Control # 1910-5155
- Standard Forms (SF) 424, 424A, 425

## Information Collection Request (ICR) Timeline

PLANNING

- SPRING 2022: DOE begins drafting ICR package
- MAY 2022: Initial stakeholder meetings
- MAY JUNE: DOE internal review of draft ICR and forms
- SUMMER 2022 EARLY 2023: Update DOE systems, draft policy guidance and develop T&TA for Grantees

**SUBMISSION** 

- SUMMER FALL 2022: Additional stakeholder engagement
  - September 20 webinar
  - National conferences
  - 60-day Federal Register Notice
- EARLY 2023:
  - 30-day Federal Register Notice and WAP Memorandum 103 released on March 6, 2023
  - DOE submits WAP ICR package to OMB (goal)

• **SPRING 2023:** Following OMB approval DOE will:

IMPLEMENTATION

- Complete PAGE updates
- Provide T&TA
- JUNE 2023: Earliest anticipated launch of new reports

### Tentative New Performance Measures – Quarterly Report

- Weatherization Readiness Expenditures
- Number of Completed Units Also Receiving Readiness Funds
- Units Completed by Subgrantee
- Units Completed by Level of Household Income
- Number of Multifamily Buildings Weatherized
- Renewable Energy Total Installed Capacity

### Tentative New Performance Measures – Annual Report

- Weatherization Readiness Detail
  - Average age of buildings receiving WRF; The common causes for deferrals and repairs/remediation measures completed; DOE WRF expenditure per unit and building; Leveraged fund expenditure per unit and building.
- New Question Narrative describing Equity and Justice Initiatives
  - Number of minority, women and veteran-owned businesses contracting with Grantee and Subgrantee.
- New questions in the T&TA Report section:
  - Workforce partnerships involving employers, leverage funded programs, and community-based organizations or labor unions.
  - Recruitment and retention initiatives including lessons learned.

## WAP INNOVATION OVERVIEW

# WAP Innovation Grants

**Community Scale Pilot Program** 



Piloting place-based approaches to delivering weatherization.

\$4.5 million – application review in progress

Sustainable Energy **Resources for Consumers (SERC)** 



Renewable energy and new technologies.

## \$70 million BIL

\$18 million – application review in progress First round of 5 awards released March 1, 2023.

### **Enhancement &** Innovation (E&I)



Readiness, health and safety, workforce development, renewable energy and placebased weatherization.

## \$25 million BIL

First round of 21 awards released March 1, 2023.

## **Innovation Opportunity Announcements**

- Current Announcement Application Period Closed
  - SERC Round 2 (~\$18 million)
  - Community Scale Pilot Projects (CSPP) (\$4.5 million)
- Summer 2023
  - BIL E&I (\$25 million)
- Resources:
  - Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement and Innovation Selections | Department of Energy
  - <u>Weatherization Memorandum 096: SERC Grant Applications Update to Eligible Applicants | Department of Energy</u>

## **E&I** Overview

### Statutory Purposes (<u>42 USC 6864d</u>):

- Readiness
- Renewable Energy
- Enhance/Expand Heath and Safety Measures
- Hire and retain employees who are underrepresented in home performance and from the community being served
- · Disseminate new methods and best practices

### **Award Details:**

- Eligible Entities: WAP Grantees, Subgrantees and other nonprofit organizations
- \$2 million maximum
- 3 year performance period

#### **E&I Funds:**

- Are **not subject** to the Average Cost Per Unit rules.
- Are **not subject** to the savings-toinvestment ratio requirements.
- May be used in coordination with (braided with) other federal funds including DOE
- Encourage partnerships with other public and private entities
- Have the following goals & objectives:
  - 2:1 leveraging
  - Justice40
  - Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Community Benefits

## E&I – Round 1 Award Recipients



# **SERC Overview**

### **Statutory Priorities:**

- Effectiveness and benefits to low- and moderate-income energy consumers
- Potential for replication
- Impact on health and safety and energy costs
- Partnerships with other public and private entities.

#### SERC Projects Include (not limited to):

- Solar photovoltaic panels
- Solar hot water heaters
- Tankless/on-demand water heaters
- Heat pump water heaters
- Geothermal heat pumps
- Small-scale residential wind systems
- Cool roofs
- Exterior wall panels.

### **SERC Funds:**

Are **not subject** to the Average Cost Per Unit rules.

- Are **not subject** to the savings-toinvestment ratio requirements.
- May be used on homes currently being weatherized or eventually will be weatherized.
- May be used for activities on homes previously weatherized with non-DOE funds.
- May be used to return to homes previously weatherized with WAP funding, if a detailed proposal is included in the Application and is subject to DOE approval.
- Cannot be used to purchase Appendix A materials.

# **PY22 SERC-Funded Projects**

Grantee:	Project Title:	Technologies/Activities:
New York	New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) Office of Housing Preservation WAP	Heat Pump Water Heaters, Air Source Heat Pump HVAC, Photovoltaic, Geothermal.
Pennsylvania	PA DCED/CEO Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) Grant	Heat Pump Water Heaters
Massachusetts	Moving Towards Electric Stratification: Energy Savings Potential of Air-Source Heat Pumps in Income-Eligible Single-Family (1-4) Dwellings	Air Source Heat Pumps
New Mexico	Transforming WAP Projects into Grid Efficient Buildings	Photovoltaic, Battery Energy Storage Systems, Heat Pump Water Heaters, Air Source Heat Pump HVAC, Building Energy Management Systems
Minnesota	Preparing MN WX Participants for the Changing Climate	Pre-fabricated exterior expanded polystyrene (EPS) walls.

## **Process Evolution**

## PY22:

- Memo released for a competitive multi-step process
- Only Grantees allowed to submit a proposal
- Staff completes eligibility with an independent review team

#### <u>PY23</u>

- Letter of Interest and an application
- Subgrantees and Grantees allowed to submit
- Staff completes eligibility with an independent review process
- Provided templates for DEI plan, simplified questions, reduction of page numbers
- Allowed proposals to return to weatherized units to install SERC measures.

# BIL:

#### Continued process improvements to come!!

# **SERC Technologies**

Solar Photovoltaic Systems

Heat pump technology: Cold climate heat pumps, Mini splits, Heat pump HVAC

On demand hot water heaters, hybrid water heaters, solar water heaters

Variable Speed Heat Pumps Dehumidifiers

**Energy Recovery Ventilators** 

Wi-Fi-enabled monitoring and data-logging devices

Durable roof mounted solar racking material (Load shedding device capable of interfacing with inverter to help control critical loads in times of grid outage)

Masonry spray foam installation

## **CSPP Update**

- In FY21, \$1.5M was appropriated for CSPP.
- The first grant announcement was posted through <u>Memorandum 085</u>, December 15, 2021. Applications were due March 1, 2022.
  - No submissions were received.
- DOE reduced application submission requirements to decrease Grantee burden and increased outreach efforts.
- In FY22, another \$3M was authorized through appropriations.
- <u>Memorandum 097</u> published on December 13, 2022 announcing \$4.5M.
  - Eligible applications were submitted on December 21, 2022
  - Merit review is complete and award announcements will be made shortly

## Upcoming BIL Funding Opportunity Announcements

- Davis Bacon provisions will apply to buildings with 5 or more units
- Savings to Investment Ratio and Average Cost Per Unit do NOT apply
- Announce in Summer 2023 and issue awards in late 2024

	Enhancement and Innovation (E&I)	Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC)
Available funding	\$25 million	\$70 million
Purpose	Readiness, health and safety, workforce development, renewable energy, disseminating best practices	Materials, benefits, and renewable and domestic energy technologies not covered by the program
Maximum Award	\$2 million	n/a
Period of Performance	3 years	WAP BIL Period of Performance
Eligible Entities	WAP Grantees, Subgrantees and other nonprofit organizations	WAP Subgrantees if certified by WAP Grantee
Statute	<u>42 USC 6864d</u>	<u>42 USC 6872</u>

# TRAINING & TECHICAL ASSISTANCE

# Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Support/Planning

- Fiscal Year 23 and BIL T&TA Planning
  - Laboratory Support

#### Support Summary

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory
  - » Training Resources for the Weatherization Assistance Program
  - » Standard Work Specifications Maintenance
  - » Credentials and Workforce
  - » Competitive Funding Support (SERC, E&I, CSPP)
  - » Communications
  - » Continuous Improvement Workshops
  - » Equity and Justice40 Support
  - » Evaluation and Policy
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory
  - » Energy Audit Tools (Weatherization Assistant)
  - » Evaluation and Policy
- Lawrence Berkely National Laboratory
  - » Multifamily Energy Audit Tool Support

# Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Support/Planning

• Fiscal Year 23 and BIL T&TA Planning

#### – Stakeholder Support

- National Association of Community and State Service Providers (NASCSP)
  - Provides training and technical assistance support directly to Grantees
  - Hosts several Grantee workshops and conferences annually
- National Community Action Partnership (NCAP)
  - Provides training and technical assistance support directly to Subgrantees
  - Hosts several Subgrantee workshops and conferences annually
- Conference Support
  - Sponsorship of 2023 Building Performance Association National Conference (April 2023 Seattle, WA)

### Federal Contractor Support

- Contracted with several Federal Contractors which provide direct assistance to DOE
  - Technical Support
  - Fiscal Support
  - Administrative Support

# THANK YOU!

# APPENDICES

# WPN 22-10 Revised: Including Non-Energy Impacts within the Weatherization Assistance Program

WPN 22-10 was released on 10/21/2022.

#### What are Non-Energy Impacts (NEI)?

- A non-energy impact (NEI) is an additional benefit for participants in energy efficiency beyond the energy cost savings gained from installing energy efficient measures. NEIs include benefits such as reduced emissions and related environmental costs, water saving measures, comfort and productivity improvements, and reduced risk of utility service disruptions or price spikes.
- NEIs are also referred to as non-energy benefits (NEBs), but for consistency NEI will be the terminology used in WAP.







## Including NEI in WAP

- Two specific NEI are identified by WAP for inclusion at this time.
  - Social Cost of Carbon (SCC)
    - Established using national emissions profile for each fuel type.
  - Water Usage Reduction
    - Based upon a site-specific utility cost for water savings.
- Grantees may request inclusion of other NEI in their program following the procedures outlined in WPN 19-4 – Attachment 6 for Special Materials Approval.
  - DOE will review Grantee submissions for their applicability more broadly in the Program as well.

#### WPN 22-5: Expansion of Client Eligibility in the Weatherization Assistance Program

- For Grantees & Subgrantees
  - allows qualified households for means-tested HUD Programs to be categorically eligible for the WAP.
- For Low-Income Clients
  - removes the additional burden of applying for and submitting the same documentation to multiple programs to receive comprehensive services.
- Multifamily Housing
  - Housing owned and operated by Public Housing Authorities: WAP providers shall consider all such buildings managed by the PHAs referenced in this HUD Web page to be 100 percent income eligible.
  - Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance: WAP providers should refer to these lists to determine the percentage of the units in each building that are income eligible.
  - Privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance: WAP providers will determine the
    percentage of income eligible residences by either contacting the building owner/manager to obtain such Section 8 Housing
    Choice Voucher records (from HUD's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program [TBRA]) or by individually verifying which
    residents hold such vouchers.

# Thank you to our U.S. Department of Energy presenters.

Please take a moment to complete the session evaluation.



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