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Maximizing WAP by Improving Coordination and Leveraging with LIHEAP

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LIHEAP & WAP COORDINATION WORKING GROUP

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## WORK GROUP ACTIVITIES

- Regular Monthly Meetings
- Charter Development
- Comprehensive Survey
- Resource Collection
- Relationship Development

## WORK GROUP RESULTS

- Regular communications with HHS
- Conference session
- Resources



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## **Federal Interagency Collaboration**









Long standing partnership with LIHEAP with funding weatherization and braiding funding, categorical eligibility, etc. and with HUD on issuing property lists.

FY 2022 Appropriations:

DOE has been directed to continue to collaborate with partners at Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

- More recently, collaboration has included Department of Agriculture

## **Federal Memorandum of Understanding**

- Secretary Granholm invited HHS, HUD and USDA to create a MOU to help identify and weatherize residences under various agencies' programs.
  - Outlines specific goals and objectives
    - Streamlining eligibility
    - Improving interagency data sharing
    - Program evaluation
    - Workforce development
    - Providing joint training and technical assistance
    - Aligning President Biden's Justice 40 strategies

#### **TIMELINE**



Nov. 2022

DOE Secretary Granholm invited collaborating agencies to participate in MOU.



Apr. - Jun. 2023

MOU reviewed by agencies' leadership.

Collaborating agencies drafted MOU.



Dec. - Mar. 2023

DOE Secretary Granholm to host roundtable with collaborating agencies' secretaries to sign MOU.

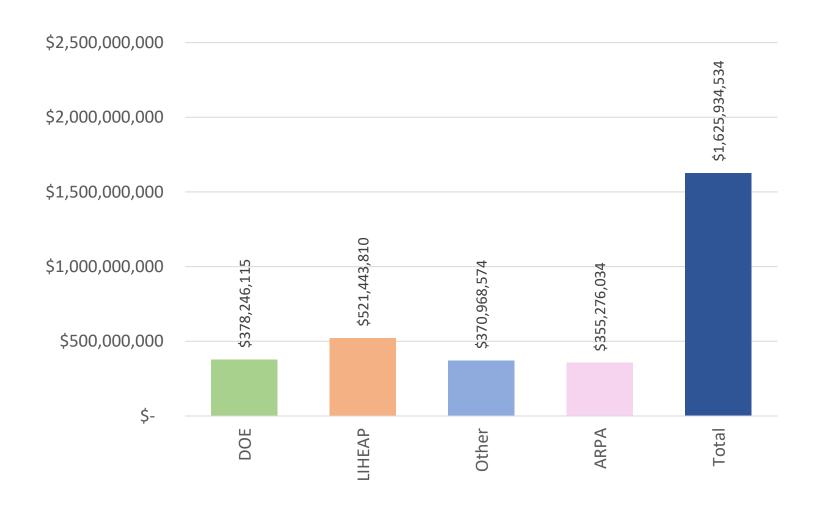


Jul. - Sep. 2023

## **Interagency Collaboration Activities**

- Long standing partnership with LIHEAP with funding weatherization and braiding funding, categorical eligibility, etc.
- Categorical eligibility approval for inclusion of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Means-Tested Programs
- Multi-Agency Efforts on Braiding Resources
  - Webinars (posted on DOE website)
  - Co-presenting at conferences to promote collaboration between programs
  - Developing property lists for eligible HUD and USDA units
  - Assessing data in order to improve coordination of services

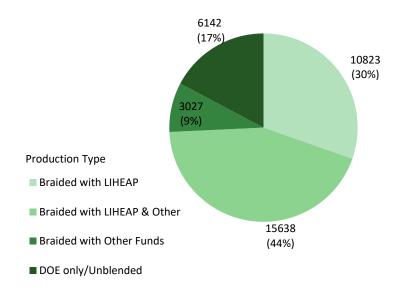
## What do we know about WAP & LIHEAP funding?



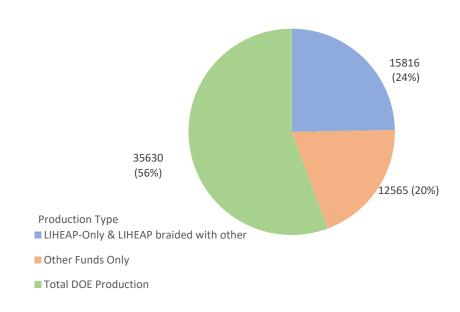
From NASCSP 2021 Funding Survey

#### **Braided Production**

#### **DOE Production**



#### **All Production**



From NASCSP 2021 Funding Survey

## Why look for Opportunities to Braiding Resources

- Allows the dollars to go further so more families can be served
- Projects receive more comprehensive services
- Helps address causes of deferrals and make homes weatherization ready

**Especially important for spending BIL funding!** 



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## **Braiding Resources | Deep Retrofits Example**



A: 0 !!	4000 00
Air Sealing	\$800.00
Attic Insulation	\$2,000.00
Sidewall Insulation	\$2,800.00
Refrigerator Replacement	\$800.00
ASHRAE Ventilation	\$550.00
Energy Audit	\$500.00
Quality Control Inspection	\$500.00
DOE Subtotal	\$7,950.00
Heating System Replacement	\$5,000.00
Roof Repair	\$1,200.00
Door Replacement	\$800.00
Other Baseload (Power Strips, LEDs)	\$500.00
LIHEAP subtotal	\$7,500.00
TOTAL	\$15,400.00

Note: Measure costs include proportion of total labor

## **Importance of Collaboration**

- Creates the most flexibility in both WAP and LIHEAP
- Helps reach more potentially eligible households by promoting each other's programs
- By collaborating with the LIHEAP office, your program can build a pipeline of income eligible households

## Scan here to complete the survey for this session!



#### **LIHEAP Resources**

#### LIHEAP Coordination Resources

- LIHEAP Model State Plan Graphics
- LIHEAP Model State Plan Transfer & Rules One Pager
- DATA LIHEAP State Plan Characteristics 2022

#### **LIHEAP Deferral Programs**

- Michigan-LIHEAP-State-Plan-FY2021
- Ohio LIHEAP Transfer Waiver Request 3.2018
- Pennsylvania 2019-2020 LIHEAP Deferral Program

#### Links

- LIHEAP Clearinghouse
- LIHEAP Data warehouse
- LIHEAP State Plans

#### Webinars

LIHEAP Clearinghouse Walkthrough Video for WAI

#### **Reports and Fact Sheets**

#### LIHEAP State Plan Data Analysis 2022 and Other LIHEAP Info

- LIHEAP Model State Plan Transfer & Rules One Pager (NASCSP)
- LIHEAP State Characteristics 2022
- Weatherization: Coordinating LIHEAP and WAP LIHEAP Clearinghouse

# Collaboration Strong relationships between LIHEAP and WAP make a critical difference in



Strong relationships between LIHEAP and WAP make a critical difference in supporting energy burdened households across the country.



According to the LIHEAP statute, LIHEAP dollars can be used for weatherization purposes as long as the installed measures meet one of these three criteria: low-

atherization or other energy related home ion. Beyond what is stated in the statute, it is the nature of their weatherization programs. VAP transfer to provide flexibility into the e national transfer was 11%.

Funding Report, 46 WAP Grantees reported wailable for energy efficiency activities. This 2 percent, \$92,442,155, over the funds ransferred to WAP comprised 32 percent of

#### Reports

■ Weatherization: Coordinating LIHEAP and WAP (HHS, 2016)

#### LIHEAP Above 15% Waiver Samples

- 45 CFR 96.83
- Washington

## RESOURCES

# QUESTIONS?

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