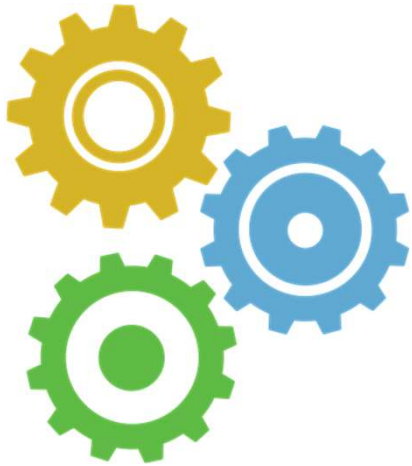




**The National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)
Quarterly Member Webinar: Thursday, November 16, 2023**

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AGENDA



- Communications & Advocacy
- NASCSP Updates & Resources
- National Partner Updates
- Federal Updates
- WAP Chair Updates
- Member Open Discussion

Executive Director Report

We are thrilled to welcome several new members to the WAP Board!



***Kathryn Rulli
Region I***



***Amanda Marcott-Thottunkal
Region III***



***Samantha Pearce
Region I Alternate***



***Travis Ekenberg
Region V Alternate***

Legislative and Communications Update



Federal Funding

POLITICS

House votes to prevent a government shutdown as GOP Speaker Johnson relies on Democrats for help

CONGRESS

Senate votes to keep government open amid wide gulf on spending

Congress won't face Christmas deadline, but lawmakers say spending negotiations need to start soon regardless



FY 2024 Appropriations			
	FY23	House Proposed	Senate Proposed
EERE	\$3.46B	\$2.99B	\$3.68B





New Bills of Interest

Workforce Bills

- [H.R. 6042 BUILDS Act](#)
- [S. 3156 Job Creation through Energy Efficient Manufacturing Act](#)
- [H.R. 5026 Rural Jobs Act](#)
- [S. 2383 Civilian Climate Corps for Jobs and Justice Act](#)



New Bills of Interest

- [H.R. 6104 Mechanical Insulation Installation Incentive Act of 2023](#)
- [S. 3099 Streamlining Home Installation of New Energies Act of 2023 or the “SHINE Act of 2023”](#)
- [S. 2834 The Healthy at Home Act of 2023](#)

WAP on the Hill - News in Brief:

- [Weatherization Day Resolution](#)

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118TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION **H. RES. 823**

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Weatherization Day”.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 30, 2023

Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Ms. McCOLLUM, Mr. TONKO, and Mrs. RAMIREZ)
submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee
on Energy and Commerce

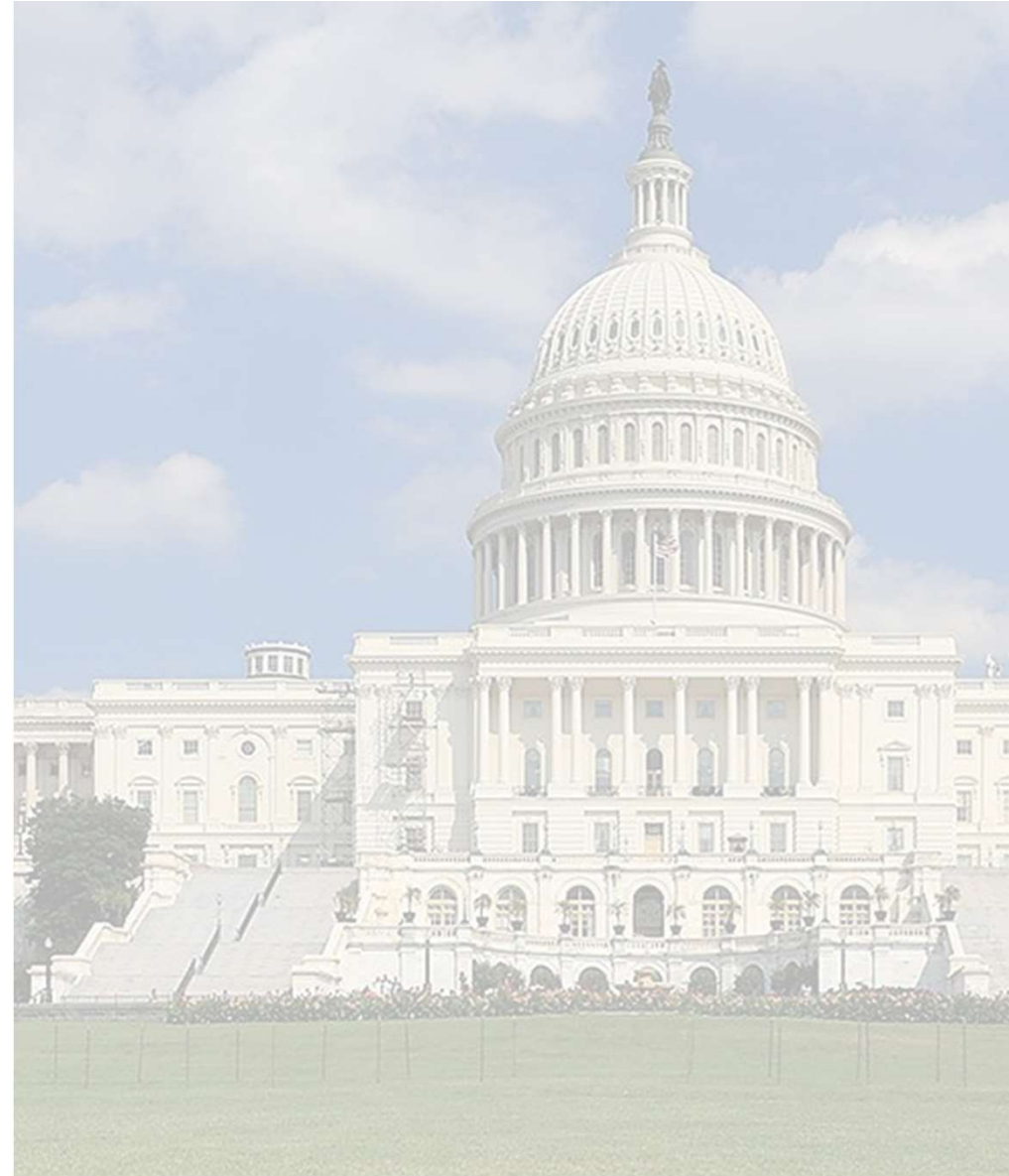
RESOLUTION

Supporting the goals and ideals of “Weatherization Day”.

Whereas the Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program has successfully met its goals to reduce energy bills and improve the health and safety of Americans with the lowest incomes during its four-decade history;

Whereas the Weatherization Assistance Program supports about 8,500 jobs and provides weatherization assistance to approximately 35,000 homes annually;

Whereas, since it began in 1976, the Weatherization Assistance Program has helped improve the lives and homes of more than 7,000,000 families through its weatherization





Weatherization Day Event



Weatherization Day Event

NASCSP 2023 Weatherization Day Report

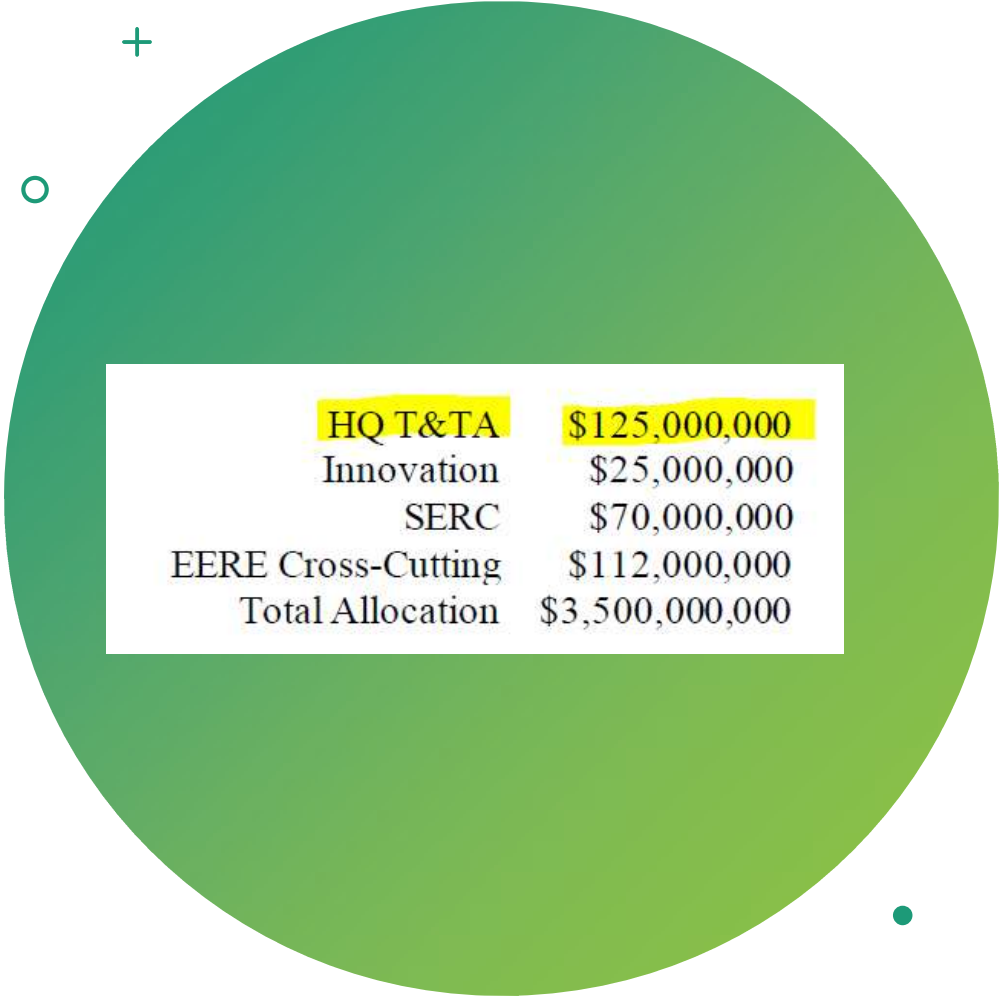




NASCSP UPDATES

- BIL Funding Updates
- 2024 T&TA Priorities
- Conference and Trainings
- Working Group and Workforce Updates
- Annual Funding Survey PY 2022

DOE BIL T&TA Funding Update



HQ T&TA	\$125,000,000
Innovation	\$25,000,000
SERC	\$70,000,000
EERE Cross-Cutting	\$112,000,000
Total Allocation	\$3,500,000,000

- The DOE BIL Training and Technical Assistance funds to NASCSP to support the network (7/1/23) have yet to arrive.
- DOE expects to deliver funding by December 1, 2023.

2024 Member T&TA Survey Results

The Top 5 pre-conference session topics were:

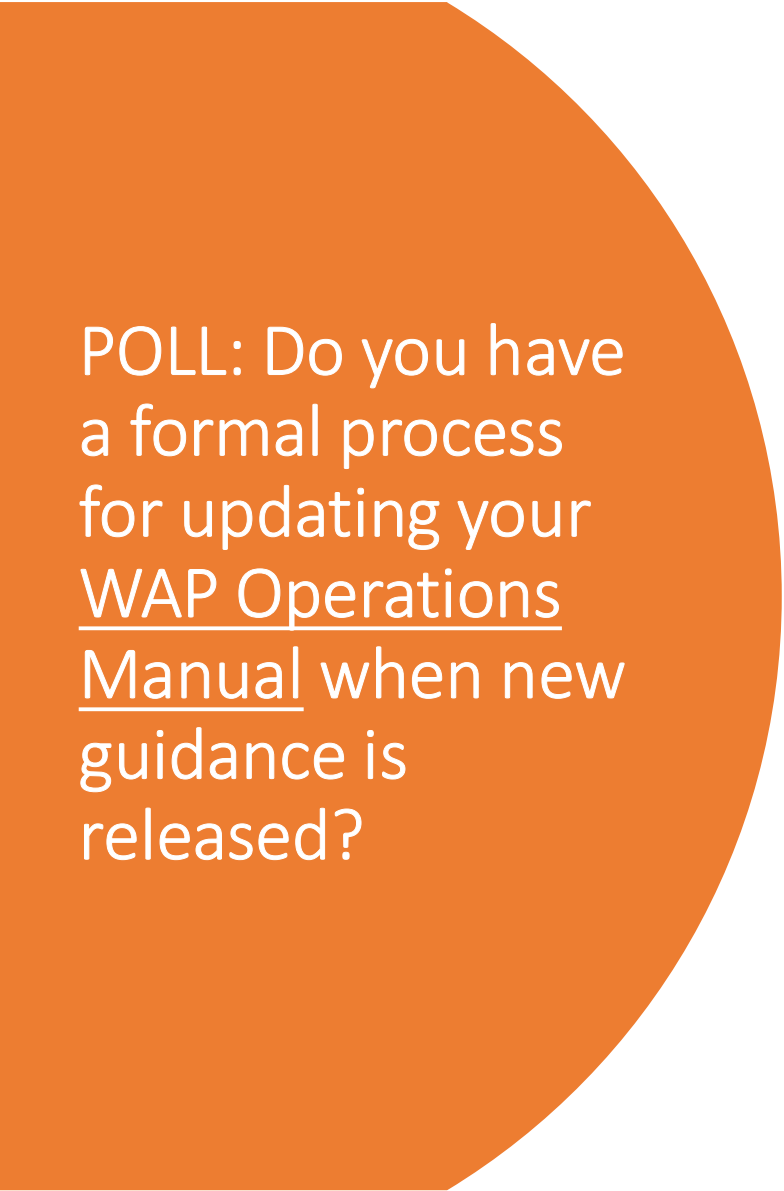
1. Monitoring Training
2. Grantee Program and Production Management
3. Procurement/Fiscal Training
4. Workforce Best Practices
5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



2024 Member T&TA Survey Results

The top 10 webinar/conference session topics:

1. Program and Policy Manual Updates (10)
2. Data Management & System Reporting (9)
3. Weatherization Readiness & Deferral Programs (9)
4. Training and Technical Assistance Planning (8)
5. Monitoring - Ensuring Subgrantee Compliance (8)
6. Monitoring - Preparing for a DOE Visit (8)
7. Multifamily WAP (8)
8. Weatherization and IRA Rebates - Stacking and Implementing (7)
9. WAP Financial Management and 2 CFR 200 (7)
10. Budget and Grant Management (6)
11. Contractor Procurement and Engagement Strategies (6)
12. Energy Audits - Technical Assistance and Development of Policies/Protocols (6)
13. Production Management (6)

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POLL: Do you have a formal process for updating your WAP Operations Manual when new guidance is released?

Yes, we have monthly or quarterly reviews with our network

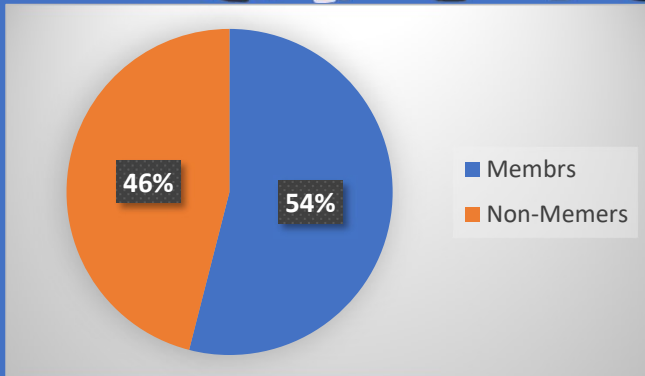
Yes, we address it at the Grantee level annually

We update every few years, not annually

No, we don't have a formal process for updates

2023 Annual Training Conference

411
Registrants
35% CSBG
60% WAP
5% Vendors



NASCSP 2023 Annual Training Conference Evaluation

	STRONGLY AGREE	AGREE	NEUTRAL	DISAGREE	STRONGLY DISAGREE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
The conference enhanced my ability to administer the CSBG and/or WAP programs.	43.10% 25	50.00% 29	5.17% 3	1.72% 1	0.00% 0	58	1.66
The conference format was conducive to learning through the live sessions.	53.45% 31	39.66% 23	5.17% 3	1.72% 1	0.00% 0	58	1.55
The conference application was accessible and easy to use.	49.12% 28	38.60% 22	8.77% 5	3.51% 2	0.00% 0	57	1.67
The registration process was clear and simple to use.	58.62% 34	36.21% 21	5.17% 3	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	58	1.47
There were sufficient opportunities to engage with my peers inside and outside conference sessions.	68.97% 40	29.31% 17	1.72% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	58	1.33
The event was well organized and communication was clear and timely.	63.79% 37	32.76% 19	3.45% 2	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	58	1.40



March 11 - 15 | Arlington, VA
Crystal Gateway Marriott

2024

WINTER TRAINING CONFERENCE

Turning Possibilities into Reality

WAP Conference Planning Committee

Name	State	Region
Samantha Pierce	New York	1
Amanda Roy	Maine	1
Michele York	New Hampshire	1
Joe Cicirelli	New Hampshire	1
Susan Wood	Georgia	2
Ronza Anderson	Mississippi	2
Jeff Heino	Wisconsin	4
Adam Gosney	California	5
Lizzie Adams	California	5
Allen Carbert	Washington	5

NASCSP State of Poverty Blog

**Two new workforce
innovation blogs!**

**Success stories about the
positive impact of fair
wages.**

[State of Poverty Blog](#)

The Positive Impact of Fair Wages: Supporting the Weatherization Workforce

Posted on November 2, 2023 Posted By **KGrant**

In the fight against poverty, the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) plays a pivotal role in improving energy efficiency and transforming lives through its dedicated workforce. Behind every...

[Read More](#)

Empowering Weatherization Professionals: A Success Story from Southwest Georgia Community Action Council

Posted on September 11, 2023 Posted By **brittpomush**

Dusniel Alvarez, the Housing and Energy Director at SW GA Community Action Council, shared the workforce challenges he has faced as a director of the WX program since 2015. The discussion centered on...

[Read More](#)

WAP Workforce Resources and Tools

***NEW** – Weatherization
Career Path Toolkit

Updated Wage Survey
Coming in 2024

[Workforce Resources and Tools](#)

NEW Weatherization Career Path Toolkits

— Weatherization Career Path Toolkit

NASCSP WAP Career Path Toolkit Instructions

WAP Position Information & KSA Tools - BLANK

WAP Position Information & KSA Tools - EXAMPLE

WAP Field Staff Career Path - EXCEL EXAMPLE

WAP Field Staff Career Path - VISIO EXAMPLE

Name	State	Region
Amanda Roy	Maine	1
Geoff Wilcox	Vermont	1
Keli Reynolds	Kentucky	2
Susan Wood	Georgia	2
Destiny Murrell	Oklahoma	3
Yetu Robinson	Arkansas	3
Mary Meunier	Wisconsin	4
Mick Prince	Illinois	4
Wayne Hartel	Illinois	4
Maddy Kamalay	Michigan	4
Jacob Wolff	Colorado	4
Travis Eckenberg	Arizona	5

Workforce Development Working Group



Weatherization Readiness Working Group

- **Weatherization Readiness Fund Toolkit**
 - State planning guide
 - Review of PY '22 top performers
 - History of WRF
 - Programmatic considerations
 - Technical and Training considerations
 - Much more!



Weatherization Readiness Fund (WRF) Toolkit



WRF Success Stories

Success Story submissions

If your WRF program is struggling
with production, reach out to
[Jonathan!](#)





NASCSP PY 22 Annual Funding Survey:

- 51/57 Grantees responded to the Survey
- Delivered our data to NCAP on 11/3 for review and inclusion of leveraged funds
- Final Report is estimated to be ready in December
- Links to previous reports and graphics can be found on the [NASCSP website](#)




National Partner Updates





IREC and Partners: Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement and Innovation (WAP E&I) Project

Project Milestones this quarter:

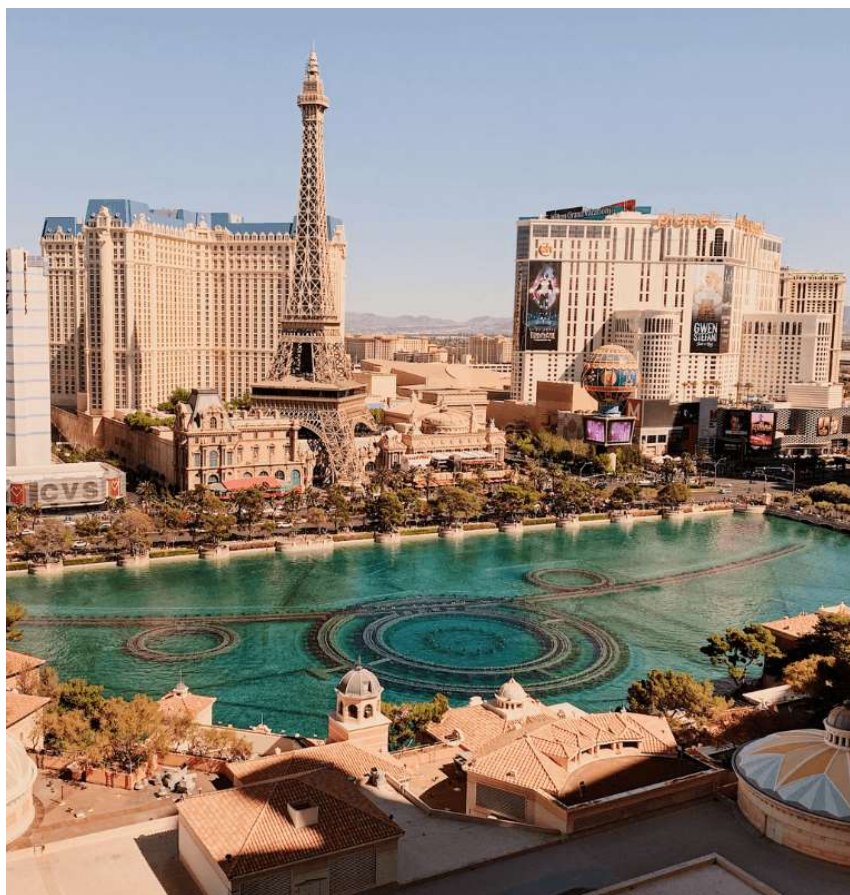
- Recorded Weatherization Career Videos at the NCAP Annual Convention in Atlanta!
 - Outreach Messaging and Multimedia Toolkit is in the final stages of validation.
 - Technical Assistance Framework developed and going through the review process.
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IREC and Partners: Weatherization Assistance Program Enhancement and Innovation (WAP E&I) Project

Coming Soon:

- Multimedia Toolkits, resources, and engagement platform deployed and launched for pilot states.
- Technical assistance available for pilot states.
- Contractor's Guide to Success.
- National Rollout 2024.





National Community Action
Partnership (NCAP)

2024 MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP
TRAINING CONFERENCE

February 13 – 16, 2024
Las Vegas, Nevada

[REGISTER](#)

National Renewable Energy Laboratory Updates

- NREL is recruiting scheme committee participants to guide the update of the multifamily Job Task Analyses. Virtual and in-person meetings late spring or summer 2024, travel costs covered. [Applications](#) are due 11/15/23.
- NREL is developing resources to support client education and seeking feedback to help prioritize new resources: <http://bit.ly/wap-client-education>
- NREL is updating the Solar SIR Calculator to provide site-specific calculations, expected release this month.

Policy Update

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NATIONAL ENERGY & UTILITY AFFORDABILITY COALITION



HHS released \$3.7B of LIHEAP Funding. The **Dear Colleague Letter** and **funding allocation tables** for all state and territory recipients, as well as tribal governments and organizations, can be viewed in their entirety [here](#).

Save the Date!



Energy OutWest

August 19 - 23, 2024

Hilton Austin | Austin, Texas

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Information alyssa@holdenem.com

www.energyoutwest.org

Energy
OutWest
Updates



BPA Update

- **National Home Performance Conference**

- April 8 – 11, 2024
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Registration open



- **New York Regional Conference, Tradeshow**

- February 13 – 14. Saratoga Springs, New York

Federal Updates



BIL Plan Submission & Approval Status 9/12/23

WAP BIL 2022	BIL 15% (SF424 and SF424A) Due 7/1	BIL 35% (Full Plan) Due 10/1	BIL 50% - Upon meeting milestones
Approved: Full Unconditional Award of Application Based on WPN BIL 22-2	56	49	0
Tech Eval sent to FAO Specialist: In FAO Specialist Review/ Cost Price Review/ Peer Review/ Contracting Officer Review	0	4	0
Application Submitted: In WAP Project Officer Review/ Grantee Resolution of DOE Questions	0	1	0
Awaiting Application to be Submitted or Resubmit Rejected Application by Grantee	1	3	0

Recent DOE Guidance

Program Notice:

- [WPN 23-9](#) E&I Monitoring

WAP Memos:

- [Memo 109](#) HUD, DOE Eligible Building Lists
- [Memo 111](#) Data Collection Updates - REVISED
- [Memo 113](#) Weatherization Assistant Update
- [Memo 114](#) Updates to Regional Priority Lists
- [Memo 116](#) PY '24 Draft Grant Guidance
- [Memo 117](#) BIL SERC Application Instructions

WPN 23-9: Enhancement & Innovation Monitoring

Monitoring Policies and Procedures for E&I Grants

- Formula E&I and BIL E&I!
- Grantees **MUST**:
 - Track compliance of subgrantees and contractors
 - Reply to reports w/in 30 days

This guidance tracks closely with WPN 20-4 and WPN BIL 23-4 to define:

- Monitoring types and purpose
 - Onsite, Ad Hoc, and Desktop
- Action item types
 - Finding, Concern, and Recommendations
- Monitoring schedule
- Corrective Action Plans
 - Must identify issue, propose solution, timeline
 - [WAP Grantee Manager Toolkit](#)

[Onsite Monitoring Checklist](#)

WAP MEMO 109: HUD, DOE Eligible Building Lists

As required in 42 U.S. Code § 6863(b)(3), on October 20, 2021, the Secretary of Energy approved the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program to extend **categorical income eligibility** to U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) means-tested programs.

- [DOE WPN 22-5](#)
- In [WAP Memo 109](#), DOE has released three updated lists
- Eligible, Potentially Eligible and MF HUD assisted buildings lists

NASCSP Recommended Action: Include HUD (like LIHEAP) means tested programs as categorically eligible in your WAP Annual State plan. Use these lists for qualified buildings and eligibility determination.

Review the [Expansion of Client Eligibility](#) in WAP FAQ from DOE.

POLL: Have you included HUD means tested programs categorical eligibility in your state plan?

- Yes
- No
- We will include in the 2024 state plan



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 22-5
EFFECTIVE DATE: December 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Expansion of Client Eligibility in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

INTENDED AUDIENCE: WAP Grantee Program Managers, WAP Subgrantee Managers

PURPOSE: This Guidance serves to transmit information to the WAP network which expands client eligibility determination.

Weatherization Program Notice (WPN) 22-5, Expansion of Client Eligibility in the Weatherization Assistance Program, issued by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), serves to streamline the WAP intake process by expanding WAP's categorical income eligibility to include U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) means-tested programs' income qualifications at or below 80% of Area Median Income. (examples of HUD program but not limited to Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Program(OLHCHH), etc.).

WAP MEMO 111: Data Collection Updates - REVISED

DOE released [WAP Memo 111](#) to inform Grantees of their new data collection request to OMB (pending approval)

DOE Recommended ACTION:

- 1. Grantees and Subgrantees may elect to use DOE funds, including both Training & Technical Assistance(T&TA) and Administrative, to **begin adjusting data collection systems** in anticipation of this implementation.*
- 2. New data collection fields are anticipated to be implemented in Program Year (PY) 2024.*
- 3. Until OMB approval is received, Grantees should continue following the reporting requirements in the Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) and the Performance and Accountability for Grants in Energy (PAGE).*

WAP MEMO 113: Weatherization Assistant Update

Transition Requirements for **WAweb** and **WAweb API** NEAT, MHEA, MulTEA, Health & Safety Audit

Grantees approved to use NEAT/MHEA **MUST** be transitioned by PY 2024 (4/1 or 7/1)

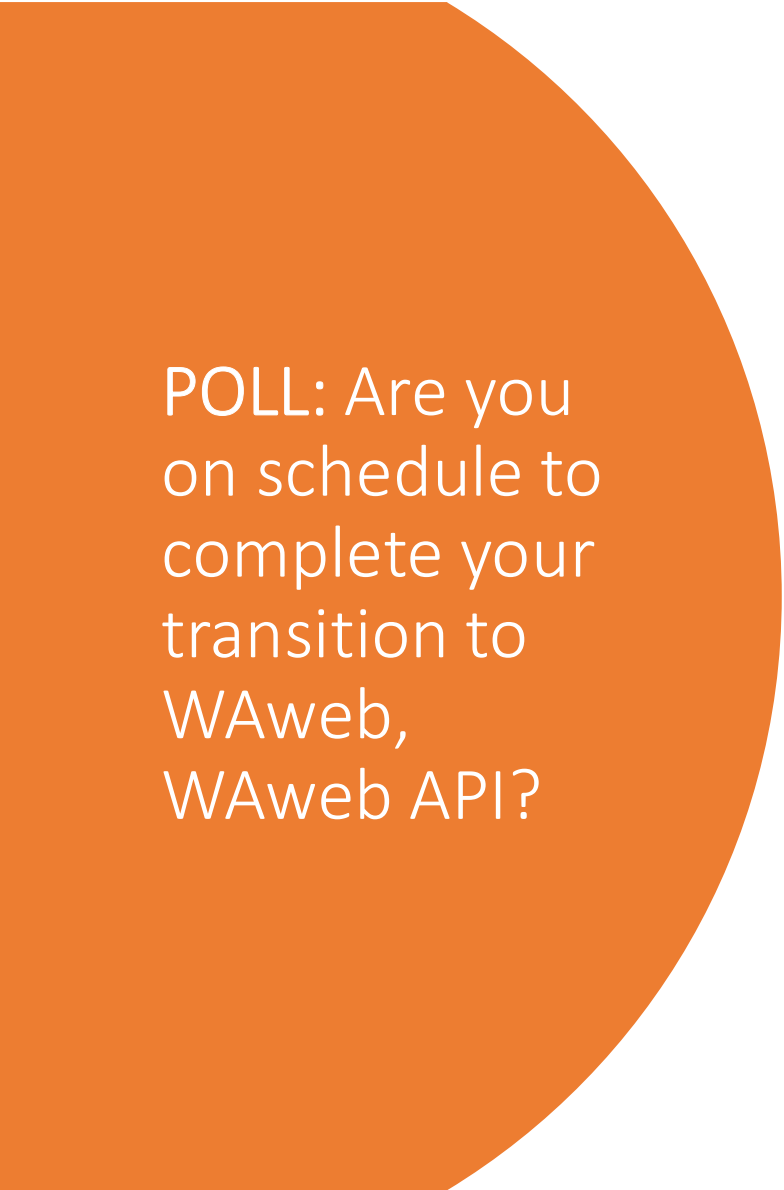
- **MUST** start transition a minimum of 6 months prior to PY '24

Import legacy data to allow for record retention and reporting

- First one's free!

Optional Resources

- [WAweb Transition Checklist for WAP Grantees](#)
- [WAweb Example Conversion Timeline](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- eckmanwe@ORNL.gov

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POLL: Are you
on schedule to
complete your
transition to
WAweb,
WAweb API?

Yes, we have fully transitioned

Yes, we are in the transition
process

No, I'm behind schedule!

I do not use the WA Suite of
tools

WAP MEMO 114: Updates to Regional Priority Lists

Applies to: Grantees approved for ANY of the DOE Regional Priority Lists (all regions, all housing types)

Effective immediately for all projects audited after 10/1/2023. Grantees **MUST** update all associated measure lists and forms to reflect these updates.

- Updated efficiency designations
 - SEER to SEER2
 - EER to EER2
 - HSPF to HSPF2
- Note: programmable thermostat installation required with HVAC installations
- Additional clarifying language that does not impact efficiency values

Resources:

[WPN 22-8](#)

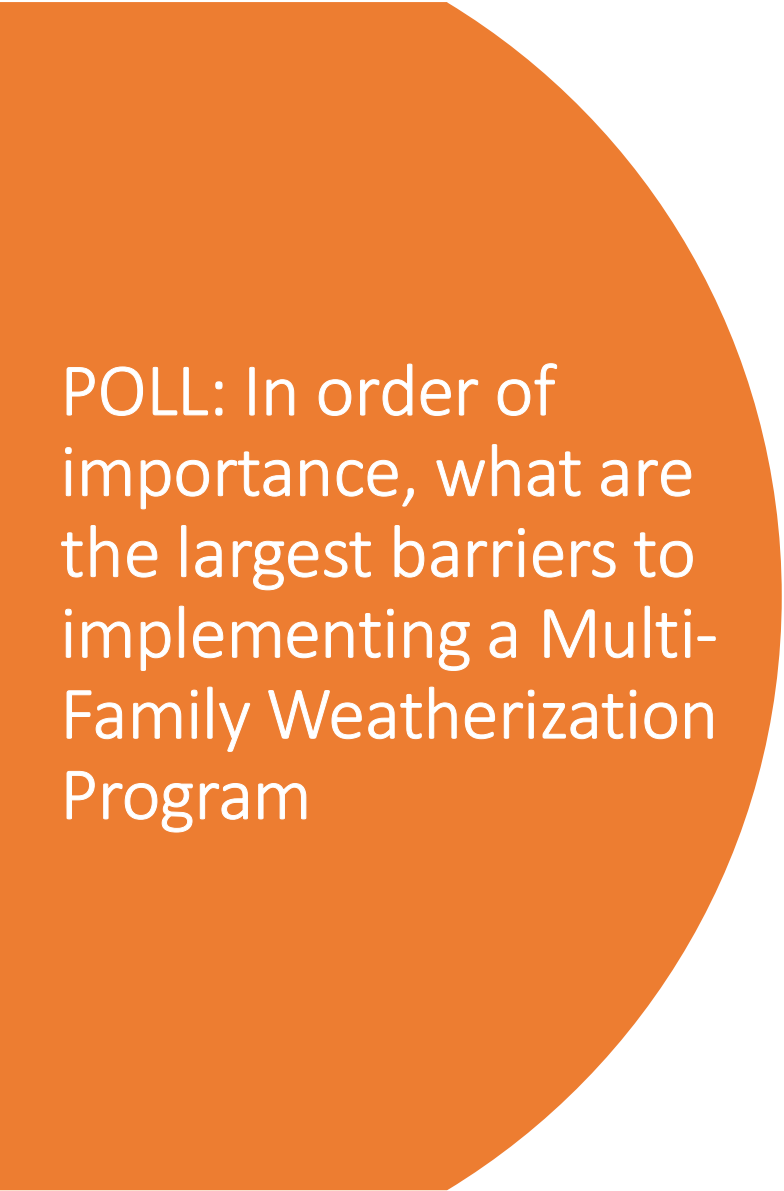
WAP MEMO 116: DRAFT Annual Plan Guidance

DOE Released WAP Memo 116: Program Year 2024 WAP **Draft** Grant Guidance

- [WAP Memo 116: PY24 WAP Draft Grant Guidance](#)
- [2024 ALRD DRAFT](#)
- [2024 Application Instructions DRAFT](#)
- [WPN 24-1 DRAFT 10.18.23](#)

NASCSP Recommended Action: Watch the pre-recorded DOE Webinar on the 24-1 Redline covering PY 2024 Annual Guidance changes from PY 2023. Watch [HERE](#)

NASCSP has loaded all approved PY 2023 state plans and created **2024 state planning timeline templates** for Grantees to use as needed, available on our [website](#) as resources. Start early, involve your Subgrantees!

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POLL: In order of importance, what are the largest barriers to implementing a Multi-Family Weatherization Program

Energy Audit – design, procurement, training


Concerns with Davis Bacon and BABA compliance

MF is an insignificant share of our housing stock

Staff bandwidth

Training (technical, process, administrative, etc.)

Contractor Procurement

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POLL: Do you plan to,
or have you already
included a MF
component to your BIL
State Plan?

Yes, we have

Yes, we plan to

No

WAP MEMO 117: BIL SERC Funding Announcement

\$70 million FOA for SERC in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

- The SERC BIL funds will follow the BIL period of performance!
- Grantees and Subgrantees are eligible, submission **deadline** is **February 16, 2024**.

Technologies: Renewable energy systems and other energy technologies and solutions not covered under WAP.

- The SERC funds are NOT subject to the ACPU and not subject to the SIR.
- No CAP on funding request, previous projects ranged from \$500K - \$5M

NASCSP Recommended ACTION: We encourage all Grantees to consider applying for these funds. This is a historic level of funding!! Check out the full memo along with the attachments on the NASCSP website [here](#)!

Member Poll:

Who is considering applying for a BIL SERC Grant?

- Yes
- Yes, with our Subgrantee
- No
- Under consideration



**Jeff Heino,
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Chair**

- Updates from
Board and DOE
Meetings



**WEATHERIZATION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

OPEN DISCUSSION



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