



NASCSP WAP Quarterly Member Webinar – February 22, 2024

AGENDA



- Executive Director Updates - Cheryl
- Communications & Advocacy – Britt
- NASCSP Updates & Resources – WAP Team
- National Partner Updates – WAP Team
- Federal Updates – WAP Team
- NASCSP WAP Chair & Board Updates - Jeff Heino, WI
- Member Open Discussion – Jeff Heino, WI



Executive Director's Report

Board Updates



We are finalizing an agreement with LaVada English of BrightPlaces to work with **NASCSP's DEI Board Committee** to develop shared language and strategies to address diversity, equity, and inclusion at the state level, and to incorporate DEI best practices into NASCSP's internal operations.

Board Updates continued...

The Strategic Planning Committee has been hard at work to finalize the 2024 NASCSP Strategic Plan.

The Plan is set for approval during the March Board meeting at the Winter Training Conference next month. Once approved, the Board and Staff will begin implementation of the five-year Plan.




Legislative and Communications Update



Legislative Committee Meetings

- Met in January
- Focus on advocacy strategy for WAP & NASCSP
- Will meet quarterly
- Joint CSBG legislative committee meetings quarterly
- NASCSP 2025 Appropriations recommendations





WAP Appropriations 2024

- Current Continuing Resolution (CR) expires March 1 for Energy, March 8 for HHS
- Possible outcomes:
 - 4th Short term CR
 - Passage of 12 funding bills
 - Yearlong CR
 - Government shutdown then ↖

WAP Appropriations 2024

	FY22 Enacted	FY23 Enacted	FY24 House	FY24 Senate
EERE	\$3.20B	\$3.46B	\$2.99B	\$3.68B
WAP	\$313M	\$326M	?	?
TTA	\$6M	\$10	?	?
WRF	\$15M	\$30M	?	?



WAP Appropriations 2025

- Process is behind
- Presidents Budget Request
- Legislative Committee Convening in February
- NASCSP will provide recommendations on 2025 appropriations to Congress in March

Website Updates

- NEW! [BIL Landing Page](#)
- Ongoing updates & changes

BIL Landing Page



The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), also known as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed in late 2021. The BIL made a number of historic investments including \$3.5 billion in the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). The Department of Energy (DOE) oversees BIL funds as well as "regular" formula funds. Initial rounds of BIL funds were disbursed through 5 year grants in 2022 and 2023. BIL funds also support innovation grants including Enhancement and Innovation (E&I) and Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) grants totaling up to \$25 million and \$70 million, respectively.

This page contains all BIL-related tools, information, guidance, and more. The page is regularly updated so check back regularly for new additions!



NASCSP Data keeps its members, the federal government, and other interested parties informed about issues related to CSBG and WAP through its publications and training.

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The State of Poverty.
NASCSP's Official Blog



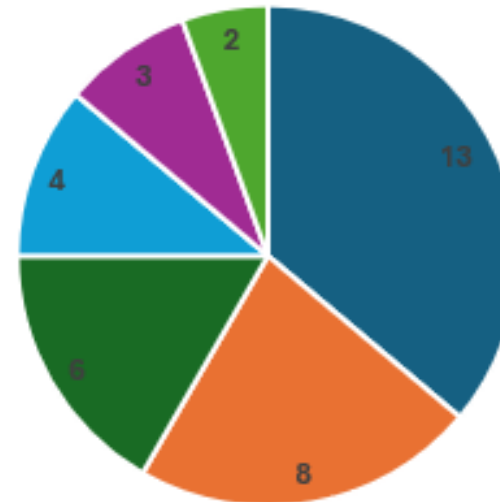
NASCSP Updates and Resources

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



NASCSP 2024 BIL Training and Technical Assistance Survey

With regards to BIL implementation, what topics would you like to see NASCSP provide training webinars on, to help streamline and improve WAP BIL operations and program delivery?

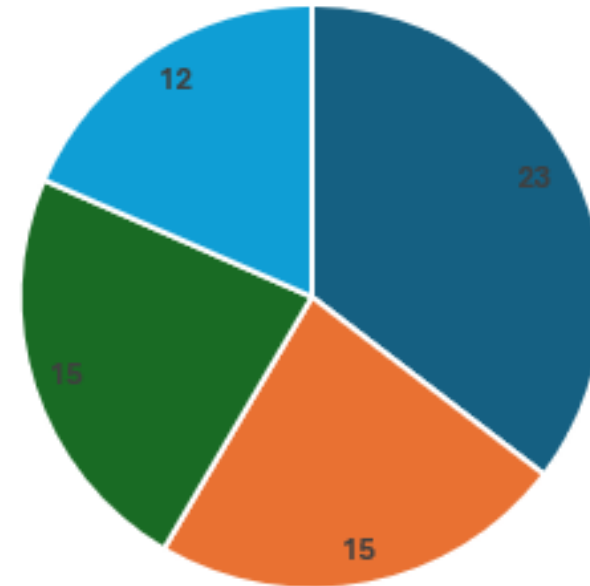


■ Multifamily ■ Davis Bacon ■ Workforce ■ ACPU ■ Contractors ■ Cost Allocation/controlling costs

RFP Templates

- Procurement and Contractors
- QCI and Monitoring
- Training and Technical Assistance

Are there Request for Proposal templates you would like to see NASCSP develop in 2024 that will assist with the BIL?

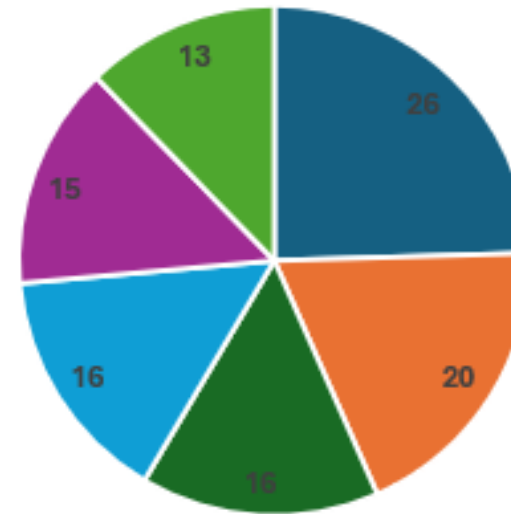


■ Procurement and Contractors ■ QCI and Monitoring
■ Training and Technical Assistance ■ Multifamily Provider RFP

BIL Best Practices

- NASCSP will facilitate a BIL Implementation Working Group in 2024
- We will be reaching out to Grantees in the Fall for participation

NASCSP will facilitate a BIL Implementation working group.
What topics would you like the BIL working group to prioritize developing best practices for the network?



■ Maintaining a Skilled Workforce ■ Production and ACPU Management
■ Braiding Funding ■ Reporting
■ State Strategies for Implementation ■ Grantee Monitoring

NASCSP Staffing Updates

Bryce Nguyen will join the WAP team on March 1, 2024 as the new WAP Program Analyst



- NASCSP is hiring a new BIL WAP Senior Program Manager.
- Lead the NASCSP program management and delivery of the BIL T&TA grant.
- Details can be found [here](#)
- Apply by March 18, 2024.



POLL:

Do you provide advances to WAP Subgrantees?

- Yes, with DOE funds
- Yes, with LIHEAP funds
- Yes, with State / utility or other funds
- No, we do not provide advances to Subgrantees



POLL:

If you **do** provide advances to WAP Subgrantees, approximately what percentage of funds?

- 0-10%
- 10-20%
- 20-30%
- 30-40%
- 40-50%
- more than 50%

WAP Annual Funding Surveys



The NASCSP Weatherization Assistance Program Annual Funding Survey reaches all WAP grantees to track funds in the weatherization network, the source of those funds, funding trends, resulting production, and the funding future over each Program Year. NASCSP partners with NCAP in a coordinated data collection effort to capture funds that go directly to WAP subgrantees, resulting in a comprehensive annual funding report. Charts and graphs within the Report and corresponding data tables, show funding source trends over time.

Past Annual Funding Surveys are available below.

Current Report:

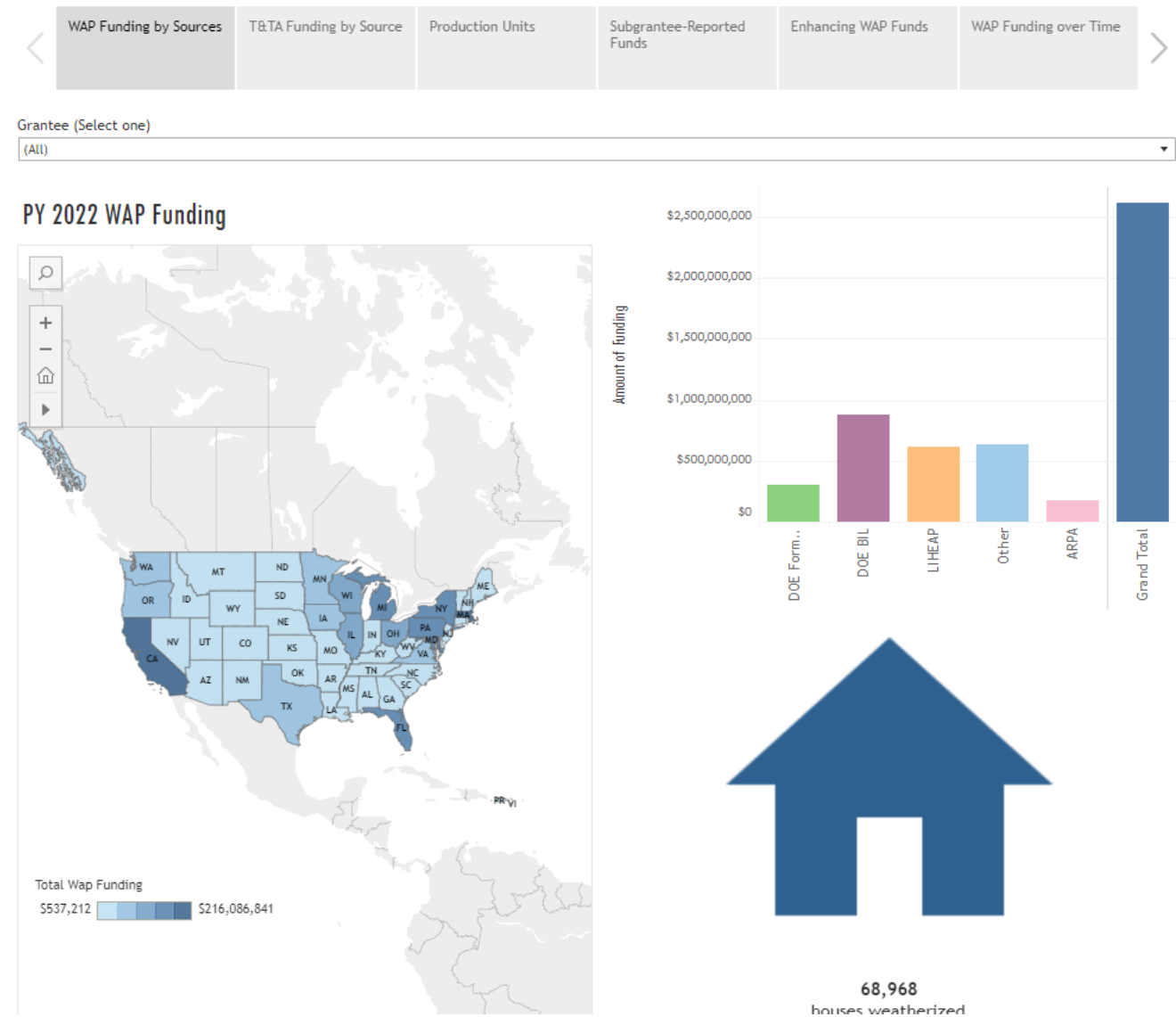
NASCSP 2022 Funding Survey

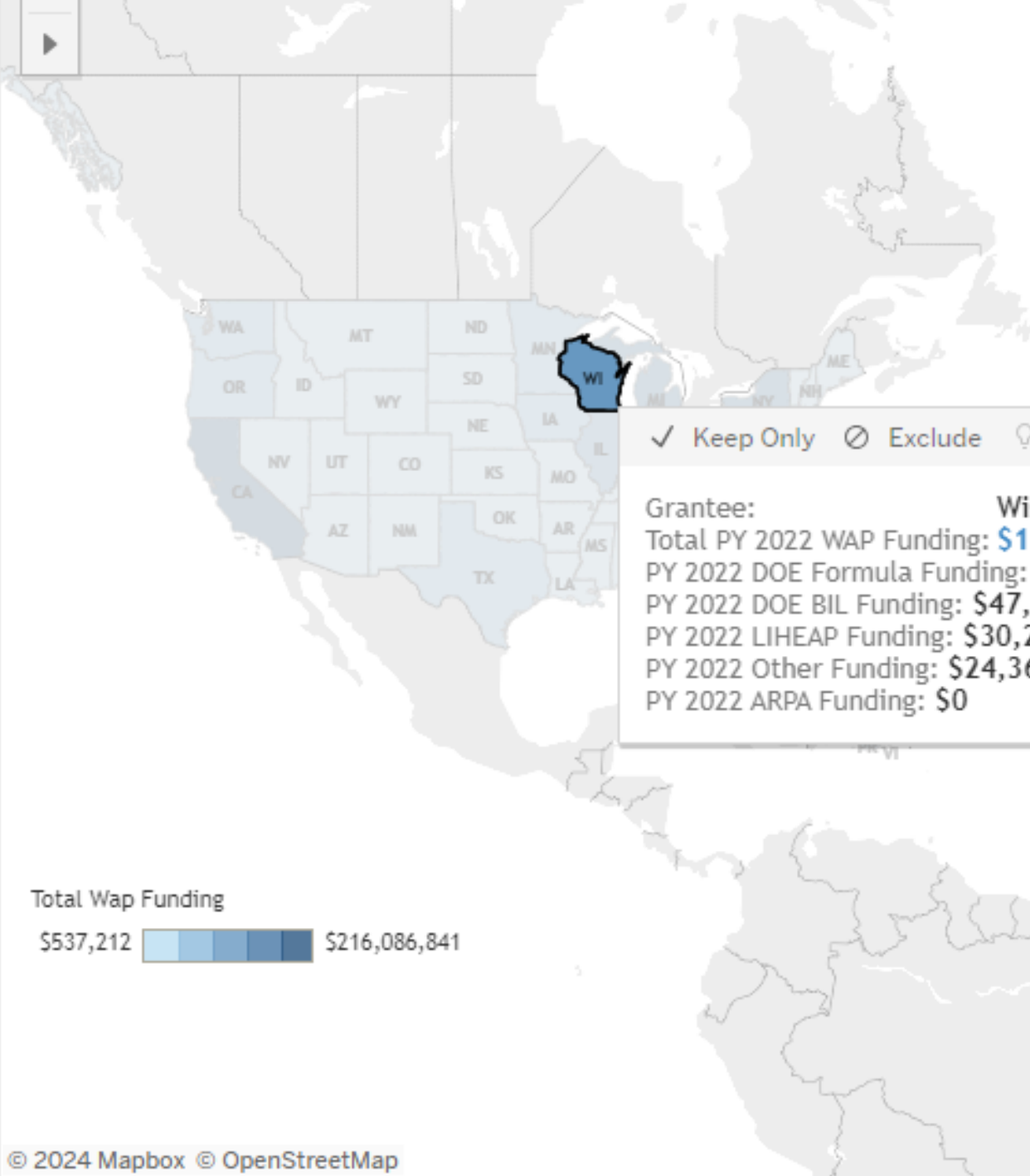
- 2022 Funding Survey Tables
- 2022 Funding Survey Graphics Dashboard



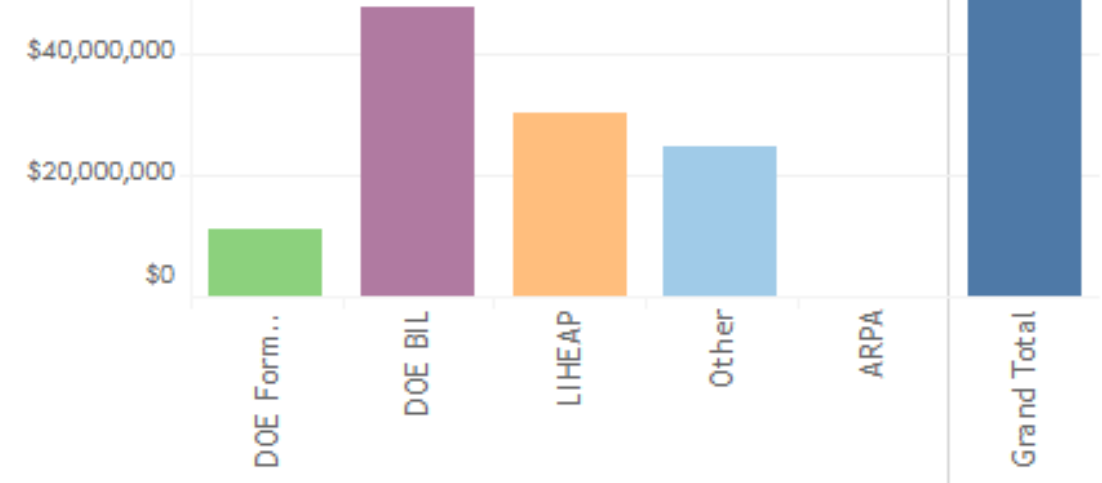
The NASCSP PY 2022 Annual Funding Survey Graphics **Dashboard** is now available on the NASCSP website [here](#)

PY 2022 Annual Funding Report





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houses weatherized

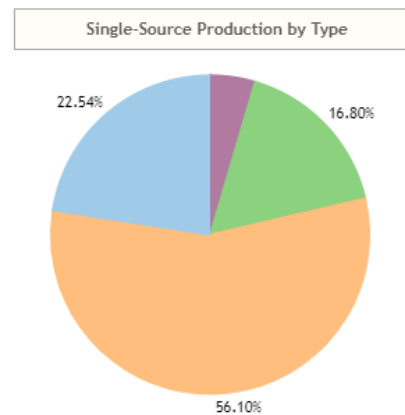
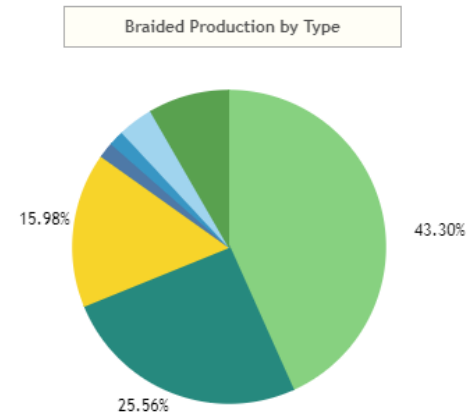
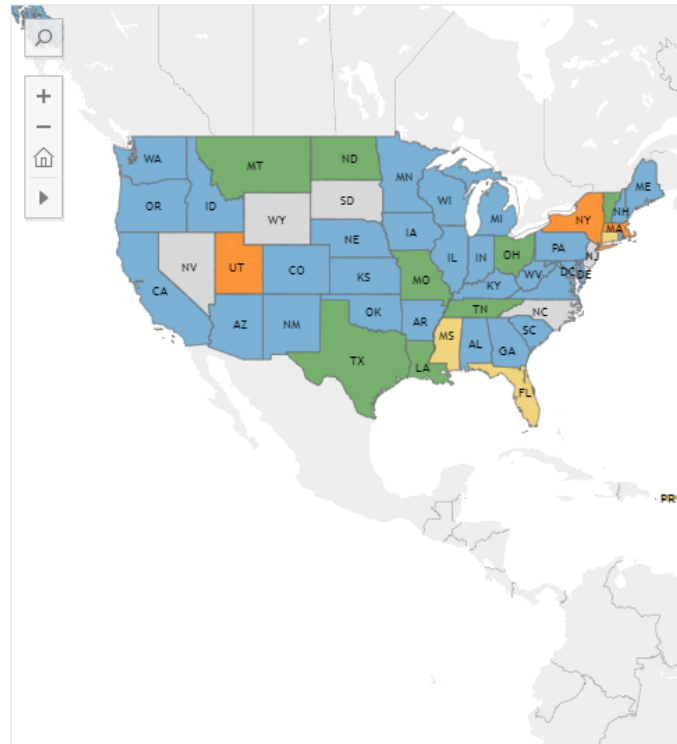
PY 2022 Annual Funding Report

WAP Funding by Sources T&TA Funding by Source **Production Units** Subgrantee-Reported Funds Enhancing WAP Funds WAP Funding over Time

Grantee (Select one)

(All)

Hover your mouse over sections of the charts to view more detailed information.



- Production data by funding source by state is available
- 95% of Grantees reported that they braid DOE funding on units in PY 2022

[REGISTER HERE](#)



March 11 - 15 | Arlington, VA
Crystal Gateway Marriott

2024

WINTER TRAINING CONFERENCE

NASCSP

Turning Possibilities into Reality

Member Planning and Action Topics

Join at menti.com | use code 8652 4673


Mentimeter

Ranking



1st	Davis Bacon & BABA
2nd	Justice 40 & SHIPPO
3rd	BIL Production/Funding Distribution/ACPU
4th	Non Energy Impacts (NEI)
5th	Competitive Grants
6th	Audit Tools & Maintenance
7th	Priority Lists
8th	WAP Readiness
9th	Multi-Family
10th	Operations/Mgmt Communications & Flow






POLL: What funding sources are you using for Multi-Family WAP (5+ units)

- DOE Formula funds (avoids Davis-Bacon and BABA)
- DOE BIL funds
- LIHEAP or Other funds
- We are not doing Multi-family WAP





POLL: Is your state able to meet the July 1 deadline to implement V.10 of Weatherization Assistant?

- Yes
 - No, we are having technical issues with the audits
 - No, we are having technical issues with the API or interface
 - No, we are having other issues with implementation
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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!](#)



New Workforce Resources & Tools

[Customizable Weatherization
Career Exploration Presentation](#)

[Weatherization Career Path Toolkit](#)

[Partnering with High School,
Community College, and Vocational
School Programs Webinar](#)

[Workforce Resources and Tools](#)



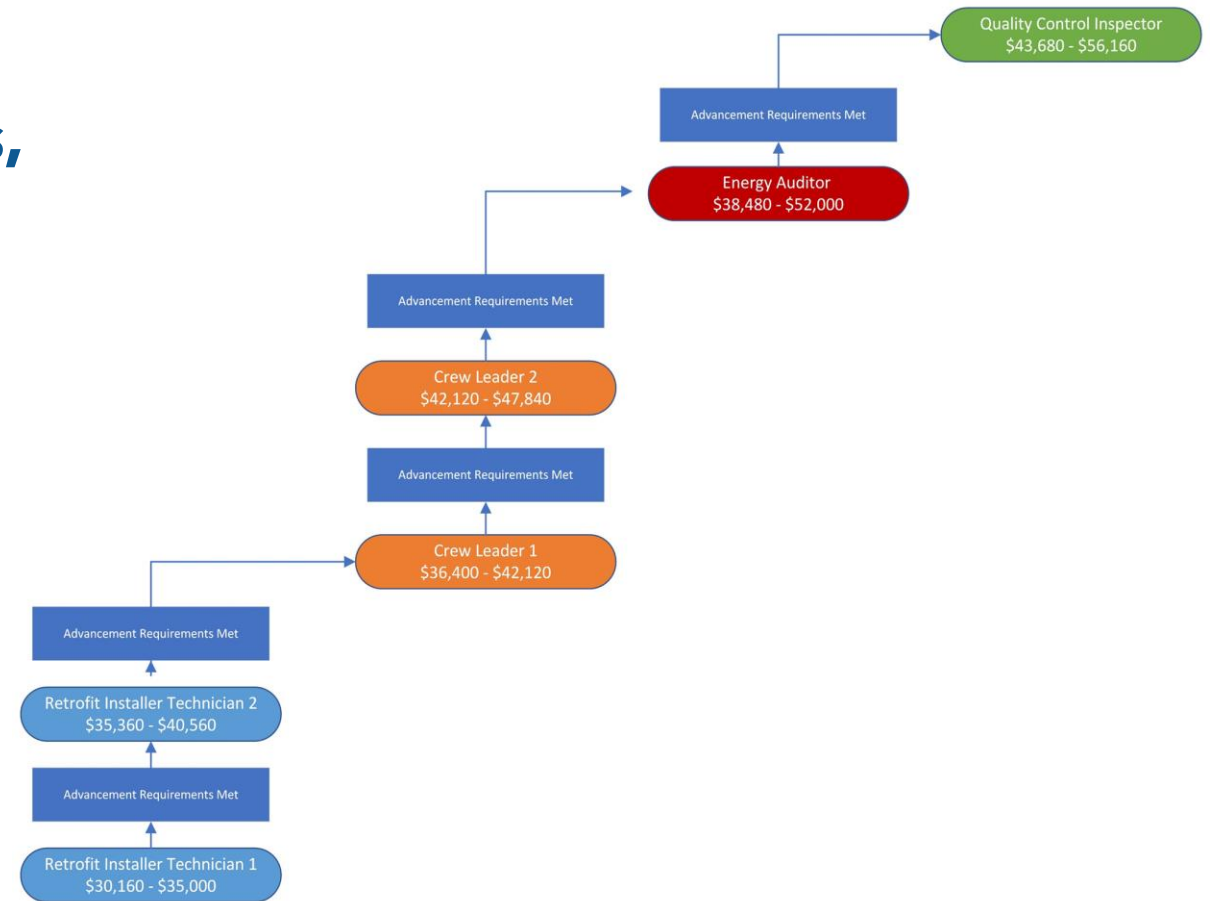
Weatherization Career Path Toolkit

Customizable toolkit to help

- **identify skill & training requirements,**
- **align with organizational needs, and**
- **promote career advancement.**

Includes instructions, examples, career path visuals, and KSA lists.

Weatherization Career Path
webinar planned for March 27th.
Be on the lookout for the registration links.



Workforce Development Working Group

Meeting monthly since Nov '23

Currently working on the
**2024 NASCSP WAP
Workforce & Wage Survey:**

- First Draft being reviewed.
- WDWG will review at the end of February for final edits.
- **Planning for Workforce Survey launch by Q3 2024!**





POLL:

Are you interested in participating in the 2024 NASCSP Weatherization Wage & Workforce Survey?

- Heck YES!
- NO
- MAYBE

In Case You Missed It!

Workforce blogs about the impact of compensation in weatherization:

- [Empowering Weatherization Professionals: A Success Story from Southwest Georgia Community Action Council](#)
- [The Positive Impact of Fair Wages: Supporting the Weatherization Workforce](#)



GreenWorkforceConnect.org



Cultivating a New Generation of
Diverse **Weatherization Assistance Program**
Professionals and Contractors



Green Workforce Connect Timeline

DECEMBER 2023

**Green Workforce Connect
for Weatherization rollout
in 3 Pilot States**



SEPTEMBER 2024

**Weatherization training program
and employer expansion to
additional states**



WEATHERIZATION IS THE WAVE OF THE FUTURE!

Green Workforce Connect Launch Webinar



CONNECT NOW!



GreenWorkforceConnect.org

Webinar recording [here](#)

Presentation slides [here](#)



GreenWorkforceConnect.org

Green Workforce Connect is designed to connect job seekers and contractors to opportunities in the Weatherization Assistance Program. We want you to be part of making improvements to this initiative.

Please take a moment to answer a few short questions and add your voice!



English



Español



Français



National Partner Updates



NREL Updates

Inflation Reduction Act Rebates

Context

- On Aug. 16, 2022, President Biden signed the landmark Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), which authorized \$8.8 billion for States to run the Home Efficiency Rebate and Home Electrification and Appliance Rebate programs.
- DOE has funded NREL to provide Technical Assistance to States as they design and stand-up their rebate programs. NREL can help your State Energy Office coordinate the rebate program with WAP.

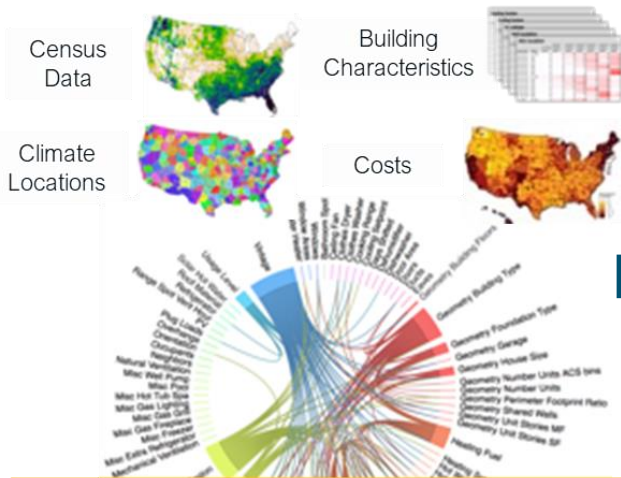
NREL Technical Assistance

- E-mail: IRAHomeEnergyRebates@nrel.gov
- NREL will organize a 1-hour kick-off call
- Additional follow-on calls as necessary to review custom analysis

IRA Home Energy Rebate Scenario Tool



Large public and private datasets

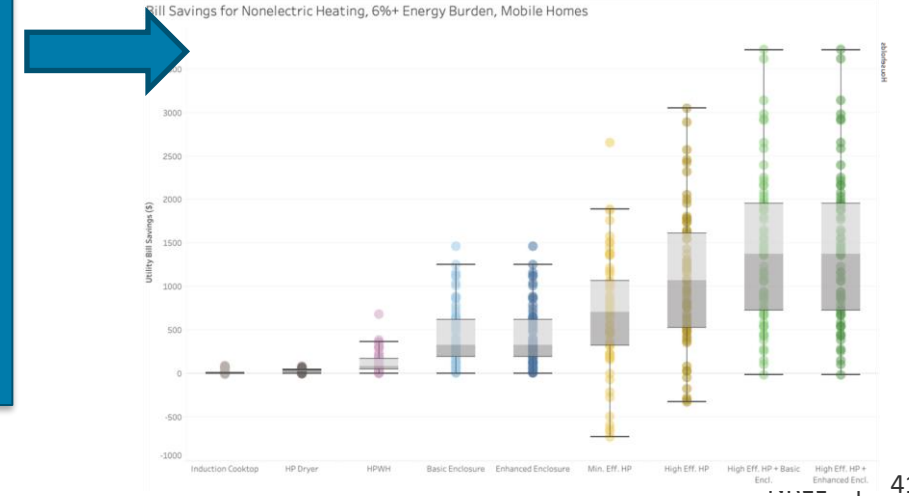
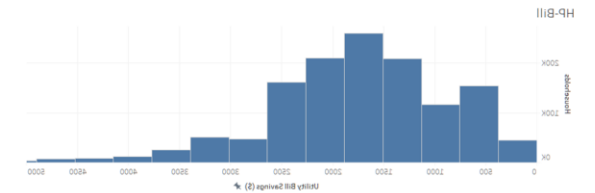
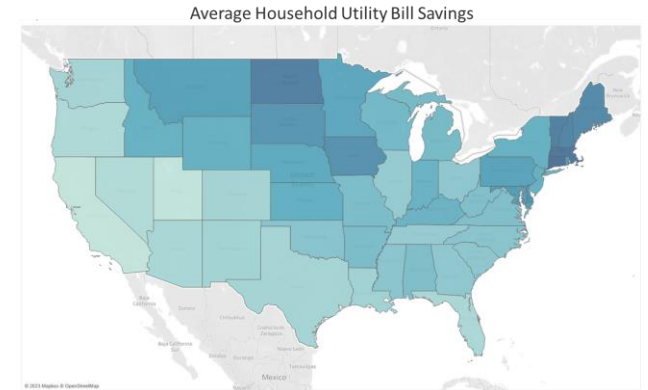


ResStock: 1000s of probability distributions for 100 parameters structured in a dependency tree

IRA Home Energy Rebate Scenario Tool

- Modeling of Program Design
- Equipment Cost (REMDB)
- Consumer Choice Modeling
- Policy Preferences Adjustment Factors
- Power Sector Evolution (Cambium)

Example Outputs:



NEUAC Conference

May 21-24, 2024

Chicago, Illinois

- Registration opens March 4th
- NASCSP and DOE session on LIHEAP coordination and braiding funds / PY 2022 AFR survey



The National Energy and Utility
Affordability Coalition (NEUAC)
hosted **LIHEAP Action Day** on the
Hill Feb 6-7, 2024



Save the Date!



Energy OutWest

August 19 - 23, 2024

Hilton Austin | Austin, Texas

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Information alyssa@holdenem.com

www.energyoutwest.org

[Registration
Open!](#)

[Hotel Block
Open!](#)

[Agenda](#)



NHPC
2024 | MINNEAPOLIS

BPA Update

- **National Home Performance Conference**

- [April 8 – 11, 2024](#)
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Registration open
- Hotel Block open

- **NASCSP Session:**

- **WRF Best Practices (4/10/24)**

Federal Updates



BIL Plan Submission & Approval Status 2/12/2023

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	55	0
Tech Eval sent to FAO Specialist: In FAO Specialist Review/ Cost Price Review/ Peer Review/ Contracting Officer Review	0	1	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

DOE Formula PY 2024

Status

WAP Formula PY 2024	April 1 Grantees	July 1 Grantees
Approved: Full Unconditional Award of Application	0	0
Tech Eval sent to FAO Specialist: In FAO Specialist Review/ Cost Price Review/ Peer Review/ Contracting Officer Review	0	0
Application Submitted: In WAP Project Officer Review/ Grantee Resolution of DOE Questions	10	0
Awaiting Application to be Submitted or Resubmit Rejected Application by Grantee	1	46

Recent DOE Guidance

Program Notices:

- [WPN 24-1](#): PY '24 Grant Application
- [WPN 24-5](#): Solar System Warranties
- [WPN BIL-5](#): BIL ACPU Update
- [WPN BIL-6](#): Davis-Bacon Act update
- [WPN 24-3](#): 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines
- [WPN 24-6](#): Vehicle/Equipment Purchases/Disposition

WAP Memos:

- [Memo 118](#): NCAP Conference
- [Memo 119](#): NASCSP Conference
- [Memo 109](#): HUD Eligible Building list – REVISED
- [Memo 121](#): PY '23 SERC Awards
- [Memo 120](#): BIL Annual Guidance, WPN Numbering
- [Memo 122](#): SERC Technology Inspection Checklists
- [Memo 123](#): Discount Rate for Cost-Effectiveness Calculations
- [Memo 124](#): Energy Out West Conference
- [Memo 125](#): WAP PY2024 CR – Allocation Planning

WAP MEMO 121 & WAP Memo 117 SERC Funding and Awards

[WAP Memo 121](#) announces the \$15.2 million to 10 WAP Grantees for PY 2023 SERC projects ranging in scope with a wide range of supported technologies such as solar photovoltaic (PV), solar hot water heaters, cold climate air source heat pumps, heat pump hot water heaters, and tankless water heaters.

- SERC Grantees: CO, MA, ME, MN, MT, NH, NY, OH, OK, VA,

[WAP Memo 117](#) announces the \$70 million available in SERC BIL funds with an **extended deadline to March 29, 2024.**

NASCSP Recommended Action:

Consider working with your Subgrantees on a SERC application or supporting your Subgrantee's SERC applications.

Watch the NASCSP and DOE training webinar on [*How SERC BIL Funding Opportunities Can Enhance WAP*](#)

WPN 24-5: Solar Photovoltaic System Warranties

- Program Operations funds can be used to purchase extended warranties on PV systems. (cost included in SIR calculation)
- Does not include Service Agreements
- Default lifespans established in [WPN 23-6](#) (20 years) shall be used for cost evaluations
 - If all components of the system have warranties/manufacture estimated lifetime greater than 20 years, then the SIR of the system can be calculated using the lifespan of the shortest warranty period

WPN BIL-5: ACPU and Allowable Use of Funds

- Instructs Grantees how to calculate the ACPU for DOE BIL funds. BIL ACPU will follow a **5-year average** of annual ACPU limits from PY 2022-2026.

Program Year	Total Allowable ACPU
2022	\$8009
2023	\$8250
2024	\$8497
2025	TBD
2026	TBD
BIL Grant Average	= Average of PY 2022 through PY 2026

- Allowable Use of Funds
 - DOE BIL can be funds **CAN** be braided with DOE WRF, SERC, E&I funds.
 - DOE BIL funds **shall NOT** be braided with DOE formula and CSPP funds.
 - Both DOE Formula and DOE BIL can be braided with LIHEAP or Other funds.

WPN BIL-5: ACPU and Allowable Use of Funds

WAP Grantee BIL ACPU Calculator						
Instructions:						
Cells in Beige are established historic numbers and may not be changed.						
Enter data only in the Green cells						
All Yellow cells are auto-calculated based on user inputs						
Cells G8:G10 will change color based on final results. Red means over allowable ACPU budget						
WAP Program Year	2022	2023	2024	2025 (Est.)	2026 (Est.)	BIL 5-year ACPU (Est.)
Maximum Allowable ACPU	\$ 8,009	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,497	\$ 8,667	\$ 8,840	\$ 8,453
Max Renewables ACPU	\$ 3,929	\$ 4,047	\$ 4,169	\$ 4,252	\$ 4,337	\$ 4,147
Enter Grantee BIL ACPU	\$ 24,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 8,200	\$ 8,250	\$ 8,300	
Enter Grantee BIL Units Completed	50	100	500	2000	4000	6650
Estimated Grantee Budget Expenditure	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 16,500,000	\$ 33,200,000	\$ 56,200,000
Grantee Estimated BIL ACPU						\$ 8,451.13
Difference from Maximum Estimated BIL ACPU						\$ (1.52)
Total Budget Difference						\$ (10,081.00)
				2025 CPI or 3% whichever is less (est.)	2026 CPI or 3% whichever is less (est.)	
Enter estimated annual ACPU adjustment				2.00%	2.00%	

WPN BIL-6: Applicability of Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirements

- DBA applies to BIL funded Multifamily buildings with 5 or more units.
- Grantees, Subgrantees, contractors, and Subcontractors must include the applicable wage determinations in bid solicitations, grants, etc.
- DOE has procured [LCPtracker](#) software for assistance with certified payroll reporting. Contact PO for training and access.
 - DOE will not require retroactive filing in this system, but Grantee/Subgrantee must maintain DBA records.
- Flexibility in using prevailing wage lists to determine SIR
 - SIR can be calculated using 'Residential' wages even if 'Building' wages are required to be paid to contractors.

WPN BIL-6: Applicability of Davis-Bacon Act Prevailing Wage Requirements CONT'D

- Wage Determinations
 - 5 Stories or more = **Building**
 - 4 Stories or less = **Residential**
 - Determine wage for each task [here](#).
- DBA Compliance Costs
 - Grantee/Subgrantee training: T&TA
 - Grantee oversight: admin or T&TA
 - Subgrantee compliance/contractor oversight: admin or Program operations
- Grantees must submit a Semi-Annual Davis Bacon Act Enforcement Report bi-annually in PAGE (4/21 and 10/21)
- Resources:
 - [WAP DBA page](#)
 - [WAP DBA FAQ](#)

WPN 24-3: 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines and Definition of Income

- Defines Income and exclusions
- Requirements for Proof of Eligibility, re-certification, child support, and annualization of income

Weatherization Program Notice 24-3
Attachment Page 4

**2024 POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES
CONTIGUOUS STATES U.S. GRANTEES
EFFECTIVE January 17, 2024**

INCOME LEVELS

Size of Family Unit	Threshold	200%
1	\$15,060	\$30,120
2	\$20,440	\$40,880
3	\$25,820	\$51,640
4	\$31,200	\$62,400
5	\$36,580	\$73,160
6	\$41,960	\$83,920
7	\$47,340	\$94,680
8	\$52,720	\$105,440

For families with more than 8 persons, 100% of poverty level increases \$5,380 for each additional person. Therefore, for weatherization at 200% of poverty level, add \$10,760 for each additional person. Expanded tables provided by HHS showing up to a family of 14 can be found [here](#).

WPN 24-6: Vehicle and Equipment Purchases and Disposition using WAP Funds

- Applies to Formula, BIL, Competitive Grants
- Amortization is allowable
- Prior approval required for vehicle purchases [10 CFR 440.18\(d\)\(6\)](#)
- WPN includes steps for obtaining DOE approval and minimum info req'd
- No approval needed for leasing
- Recordkeeping requirements
- Disposition requirements
 - [Vehicle and Equipment Disposal Decision Tree](#)

WAP MEMO 109: HUD, DOE Eligible Building Lists - REVISED

- DOE/HUD Eligible Building List update
 - [Public Housing Buildings Qualified](#)
 - [Public Housing Further Verification Required](#)
 - [Assisted Multifamily Properties](#)
- Updates to the client eligibility expansion FAQ

WAP MEMO 123: Discount Rate for Cost- Effectiveness Calculations

- WAP regulations ([10 CFR 440.21](#)) require that weatherization materials “must be cost-effective..., discounted to present value.”
- [WPN 23-6 Revised Energy Audit Approval Procedures](#) provided guidance on the necessary calculations for making this determination.
- As of November 9, 2023, [OMB Circular A-4](#) set the new discount rate at **two percent (2%)**, effective **March 1, 2024**, updating from the historically used 3% rate.
- **Grantees should ensure this rate is updated in their energy audit tools by March 1, 2024.**

WAP MEMO 125: WAP Program Year 2024 Continuing Resolution – Allocation Planning

- WAP is operating under a temporary Continuing Resolution (CR) through **March 1, 2024**.
- Per [WPN 24-1](#), until a final budget is passed, Grantees should develop plans using the same funding level as the PY 2023 Appropriated Funds outlined in [WPN 23-2](#).
- PY 2024 Grantee Plans approved prior to the final FY 2024 budget being signed will be ***incrementally funded*** to align with the CR.
- **Note**: DOE received **updated data from the factors that affect grantee allocations**. Each dataset for these factors will be applied for PY 2024, and **all Grantee allocations are expected to be impacted**.

**Jeff Heino,
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- Updates from
Board and DOE
Meetings



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