



NASCSP 2024 Winter Training Conference WAP Pre-Conference Preliminary Agenda March 11 - 12, 2024

Agenda (subject to change)

NASCSP At Your Service!

Welcome to NASCSP! We know that many of you are new to your role and/or the network and this may be your very first NASCSP event. Whether you are a veteran or rookie, we have set aside Monday morning from 9:00am – 11:00am for you to drop in and formally meet NASCSP staff who will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about registration, navigating the hotel and surrounding area, or what to expect and how to best prepare for the week.

Monday, March 11th

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

NASCSP At Your Service (OPTIONAL)

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Welcome

Join us as we kick off the pre-conference event with welcome messages from our board president and executive director.

Presenter(s): **Beverly Buchanan**, *CSBG Manager, Arkansas Department of Humans Services and NASCSP Board President*; **Cheryl Williams**, *Executive Director, NASCSP*

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Rome Wasn't Built in a Day, Neither are BIL Multifamily Programs

This session will provide an overview of the multifamily weatherization process from programmatic, technical, grantee, and subgrantee perspectives and feature a panel discussion exploring the day-to-day activities of a multifamily program and how they differ from single-family weatherization projects.

Presenter(s): **Kiersten Kelley**, *Technical Project Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*; **Ryan Kristoff**, *Director of Grants and Development, International Center for Appropriate and Sustainable Technology*; **Aaron Walker**, *Technical Advisor, Tennessee Housing Development*

Getting Real About the Uniform Grants Guidance - Pt. I

Join state CSBG and WAP administrators, state association leaders, and CAA sub-recipients for a lively Uniform Guidance update highlighting the challenges states and sub-recipients confront in meeting CSBG and WAP goals and requirements while maintaining compliance with 2 CFR 200. Session topics will include UGG basics that matter most for CSBG and WAP recipients and sub-recipients; 2023 proposed UGG revisions – next steps for OMB; key

requirements for pass-through entities; and emerging WAP challenges as DOE BIL funding rolls out

Presenter(s): **Kay Sohl**, *Principle, Kay Sohl Consulting*

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Networking Break

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS:

Compliance and Scaling: How to Operate and Grow a BIL Multifamily Program

This session will provide an overview of the multifamily weatherization process from programmatic, technical, grantee, and subgrantee perspectives. This session will host a panel discussion that will explore the day-to-day activities of a multifamily program and how they differ from single family weatherization projects.

Presenter(s): **William Gregg**, *Housing and Community Renewal Specialist, New York State Homes and Community Renewal*; **Kiersten Kelley**, *Technical Project Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*; **Adam Romano**, *Senior Director of Workforce Development and Training, Association for Energy Affordability*; **Justin Walls**, *Weatherization Technical Specialist, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services*

Getting Real About the Uniform Grants Guidance – Pt. II

Join state CSBG and WAP administrators, state association leaders, and CAA sub-recipients for a lively Uniform Guidance update. Explore the challenges states and sub-recipients confront in meeting CSBG and WAP goals and requirements while maintaining compliance with 2 CFR 200. Session topics will include: CSBG compliance pitfalls, cost allowability and cost allocation basics, and procurement requirements and challenges

Presenter(s): **Kay Sohl**, *Principle, Kay Sohl Consulting*

Tuesday, March 12th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast with DOE Project Officers

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

DOE Monitoring and the BIL

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law introduced \$3.5 billion in WAP funding to the WAP network. With this historic funding comes important monitoring conditions to ensure the funds are spent properly. The U.S. Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program manager and project officer supervisors will review WAP monitoring at the federal level. Session information will include DOE's approach to both formula and BIL monitoring, how the Grantee Risk Assessment is completed and utilized, and the role monitoring plays in grantees receiving the final 50% of BIL funding.

Presenter(s): **Detrick Clark**, *Programmatic Project Officer Supervisor*, **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Carrie Smith**, *Program Manager, Readiness Retrofit, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 am.

Networking Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.

Monitoring Subgrantees for Compliance

Join us for the second part of our monitoring review as DOE shifts its focus to the grantee's required monitoring of subgrantees. This session will focus on sharing best practices, discussing common monitoring findings, and the importance of the grantee QCI process. Come to this session ready to discuss success stories, concerns, and questions you may have.

Presenter(s): **Detrick Clark**, *Programmatic Project Officer Supervisor*, **Ray Judy**, *Supervisory Technical Project Officer*, **Carrie Smith**, *Program Manager, Readiness Retrofit, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Braiding the BIL: LIHEAP and Leveraged Funding Collaboration Models

Learn about braiding LIHEAP and WAP funds during BIL. Whether you're wondering how to develop a professional relationship with your State LIHEAP Office, how to manage the BIL ACPU, or reporting requirements, this is the session for you. HHS and DOE staff will discuss BIL funds, state LIHEAP reporting requirements, and crafting the DOE and LIHEAP state plans to streamline implementation at the state and local level.

Presenter(s): **Erica Burrin**, *Senior Advisor, Division of Energy Assistance, Office of Community Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services*; **Amanda Rains**, *Senior Policy Advisor, Office of State and Community Energy Programs, U.S. Department of Energy*

2:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Networking Break

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Mastering Workforce Outreach and Engagement

To meet the goals for homes weatherized with the \$3.5 billion in BIL funds, Weatherization will require significant expansion of its workforce. This hands-on session will explore ready-to-use workforce outreach and engagement tools designed to empower your workforce development efforts and equip you with the knowledge and skills needed to maximize the impact of these essential tools in advancing workforce development within Weatherization.

Presenter(s): **Kiersten Kelley**, *Technical Project Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory*; **Pagan Paggione**, *Program Director, Interstate Renewable Energy Council*