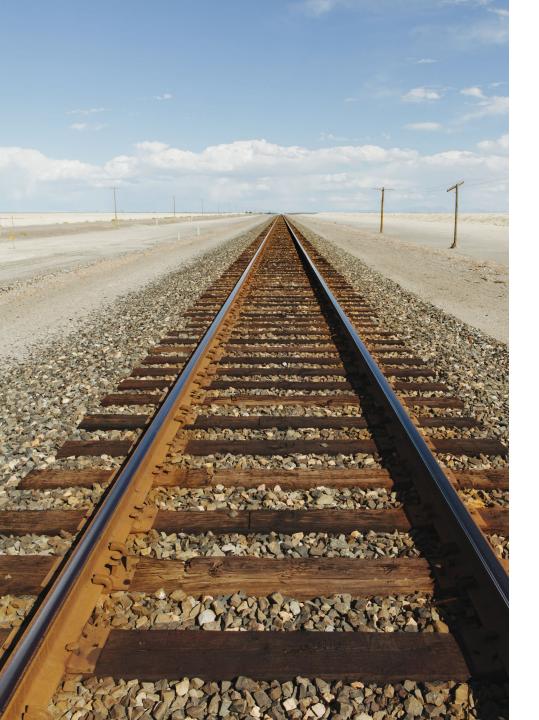


WRF: Deferral Tracking Best Practices. April 30, 2024



# Agenda

- Introductions
- WRF: History, Guidance, Resources
- WRF Reporting requirements
- Deferral Tracking, WRF Reporting Demonstrations:
  - Toni Broome-Smith: Hancock Energy Software Demo
  - Phil Crow: WisWAP Demo
  - Travis Ekenberg: Optimizer Demo
- Q&A

# Toni Broome-Smith, VT Hancock Energy Software

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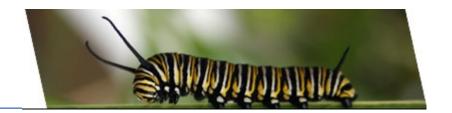




#### What is a Deferral?

When a WAP eligible home has certain occupant issues or dwelling conditions that prohibit weatherization services from moving forward until the conditions are resolved.

Some deferrals can be fixed, some cannot



Deferral Process and WRF Plan required in Annual Plan (V.1.2 Box 5)



# Weatherization Readiness Funding

- \$15M appropriated in PY '22
- \$30M appropriated in PY '23
  - Allocations in WPN 23-2
- \$30M appropriated in PY '24
- Requirements
  - WRF Plan
  - Track Funds
  - Monitor
- NASCSP/DOE WRF Webinar

State	FY 2023 Program Allocation	FY 2023 T&TA Allocation	FY 2023 Total Allocation	FY 2023 Readiness Fund
Alabama	\$2,785,126	\$609,162	\$3,394,288	\$357,188
Alaska	\$1,844,907	\$420,397	\$2,265,304	\$253,486
Arizona	\$1,936,680	\$438,822	\$2,375,502	\$263,608
Arkansas	\$2,203,925	\$492,476	\$2,696,401	\$293,084
California	\$7,435,566	\$1,542,818	\$8,978,384	\$870,114
Colorado	\$5,698,267	\$1,194,025	\$6,892,292	\$678,496
Connecticut	\$2,996,244	\$651,548	\$3,647,792	\$380,474
Delaware	\$652,802	\$181,061	\$833,863	\$122,001
District of Columbia	\$603,026	\$171,068	\$774,094	\$116,511
Florida	\$3,103,745	\$673,130	\$3,776,875	\$392,331
Georgia	\$3,917,626	\$836,531	\$4,754,157	\$482,099
Hawaii	\$207,122	\$91,583	\$298,705	\$72,845
Idaho	\$2,057,564	\$463,091	\$2,520,655	\$276,941
Illinois	\$14,337,411	\$2,928,482	\$17,265,893	\$1,631,360
Indiana	\$7,283,994	\$1,512,387	\$8,796,381	\$853,396
Iowa	\$5,042,431	\$1,062,355	\$6,104,786	\$606,160
Kansas	\$2,673,077	\$586,666	\$3,259,743	\$344,830
Kentucky	\$4,816,099	\$1,016,915	\$5,833,014	\$581,197
Louisiana	\$1,666,297	\$384,538	\$2,050,835	\$233,786
Maine	\$3,205,253	\$693,510	\$3,898,763	\$403,527
Maryland	\$3,057,092	\$663,764	\$3,720,856	\$387,185
Massachusetts	\$6,978,497	\$1,451,053	\$8,429,550	\$819,701
Michigan	\$16,597,459	\$3,382,225	\$19,979,684	\$1,880,634
Minnesota	\$10,012,063	\$2,060,094	\$12,072,157	\$1,154,291
Mississippi	\$1,769,046	\$405,166	\$2,174,212	\$245,119
Missouri	\$6,425,237	\$1,339,977	\$7,765,214	\$758,678
Montana	\$2,508,101	\$553,544	\$3,061,645	\$326,634
Nebraska	\$2,570,131	\$565,998	\$3,136,129	\$333,475
Nevada	\$1,193,787	\$289,673	\$1,483,460	\$181,670
New Hampshire	\$1,614,893	\$374,218	\$1,989,111	\$228,116
New Jersey	\$5,862,784	\$1,227,055	\$7,089,839	\$696,642
New Mexico	\$2,029,053	\$457,367	\$2,486,420	\$273,797
New York	\$22,155,886	\$4,498,175	\$26,654,061	\$2,493,707
North Carolina	\$5,033,819	\$1,060,626	\$6,094,445	\$605,210
North Dakota	\$2,421,799	\$536,218	\$2,958,017	\$317,115

### WPN 22-6: Weatherization Readiness Fund (WRF) Guidelines

Released: April 14, 2022

Supersedes: N/A

**Optional DOE Deferral Tracking Spreadsheet** 

#### Requirements:

- Grantee to develop WRF Plan for DOE approval
  - Grantee to define whether an ACPU or cost cap per home
    - Grantee defines the amount in either case!
- Grantee must track each building/unit and costs (T&TA, Monitoring and Leveraging Report)
- Grantee must monitor these funds as part of annual Subgrantee monitoring
- WRF expenditure must result in DOE Completion

# WPN 23-4: Weatherization Readiness Funds — Expansion of Scope

Released: April 14, 2022

**Supersedes: WPN 22-6** 

**Optional DOE Deferral Tracking Spreadsheet** 

#### Requirements:

- WRF are allowed to be carried forward into next budget period (within same grant cycle)
- The use of WRF does not need to result in a DOEfunded completion within the same PY but must be completed w/in same grant cycle and within a reasonable time
  - Grantees to define 'reasonable time'
- WRF funds are allowed to be utilized on formulafunded <u>AND</u> BIL-funded Wx projects

# Poll: Who can track deferrals at the statewide level?

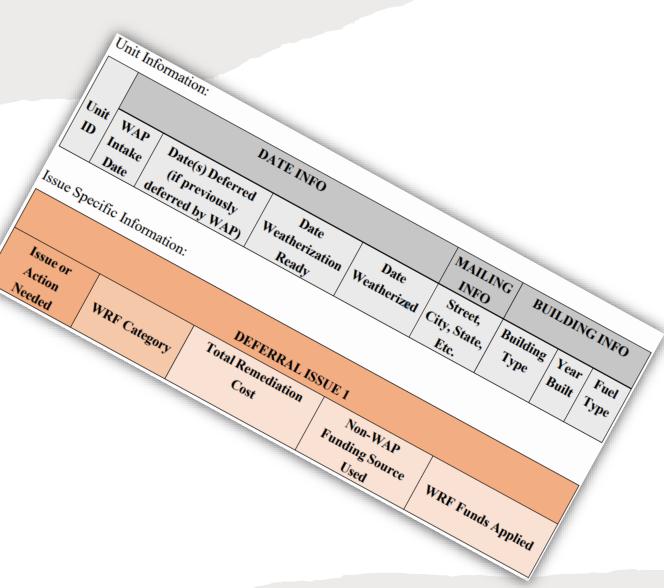
- A. Yes, we have statewide data in our DMS
- B. Almost, we are implementing/updating DMS
- C. No, tracked at the Agency level
- D. Not tracked at all

# **WRF** Reporting

PY23 reporting to be completed in narrative form as part of the T&TA, Monitoring and Leveraging Report

- Reporting Requirements per WPN 23-4
  - Year built
  - Housing type: Site-built single family, manufactured, multifamily
  - Nature of repair(s)
  - DOE WRF expenditure per unit
  - Leveraged funds used

Optional Deferral Classification Guide and Tracker





WAP Memo 111

- Quarterly Performance Report
  - # WRF units
- Annual T&TA, Monitoring, and Leveraging Report
  - Items listed in WPN 23-4

#### **WRF Success Stories**

**Success Story submissions** 



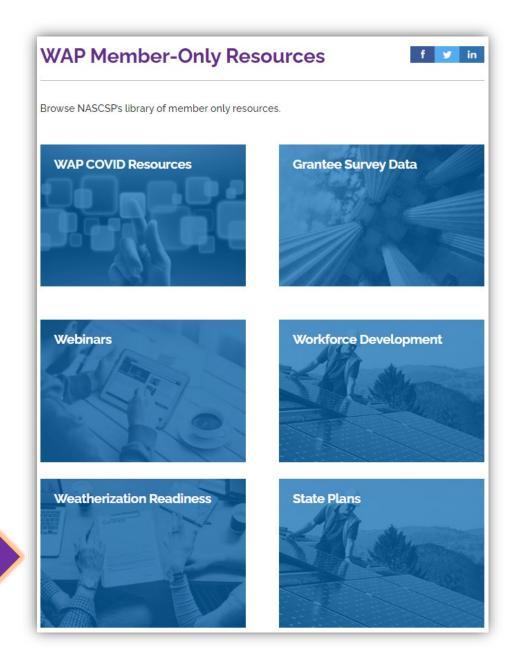
Poll: Will you submit a WRF Success Story?

- A. Yes, I can pull that off!
- B. Maybe, I can put the word out
- C. Nah, my plate is full

# WRF Resources

- WRF Plans
- Resources

More coming soon!





#### Weatherization Readiness Fund (WRF) **Toolkit**







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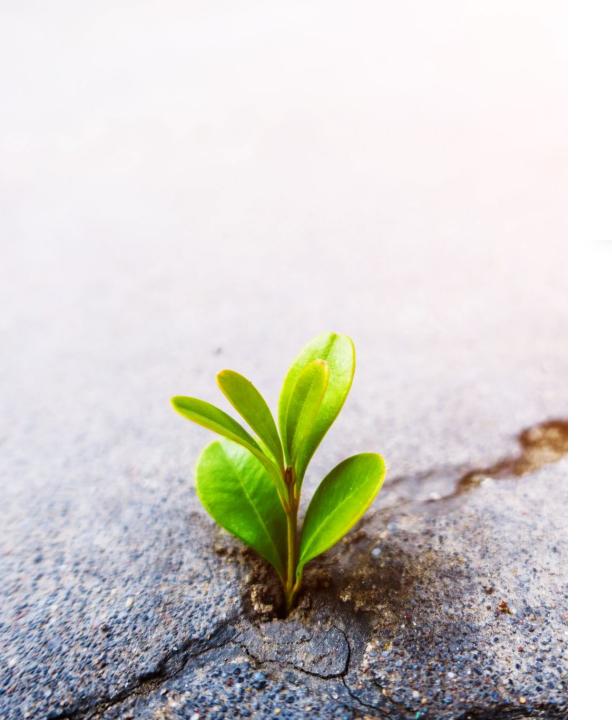
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Program Improvement

**Appendix** Sample WRF Plans

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#### **WRF Best Practices**

- Build in flexibility
  - ACPU favored over cost cap
  - Flexible language
    - "not an exhaustive list"
    - "waiver to expenditure limits can be requested"
- Mind your carryover! Grant cycle ends PY '24

#### **WRF Best Practices**

- Educate Intake Staff
  - Process mapping
- WRF can be used with BIL funds
- Use existing contractors when possible
- Municipal inspections





# DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES OFFICE OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Tracking Weatherization Deferrals in Vermont Hancock Energy Software





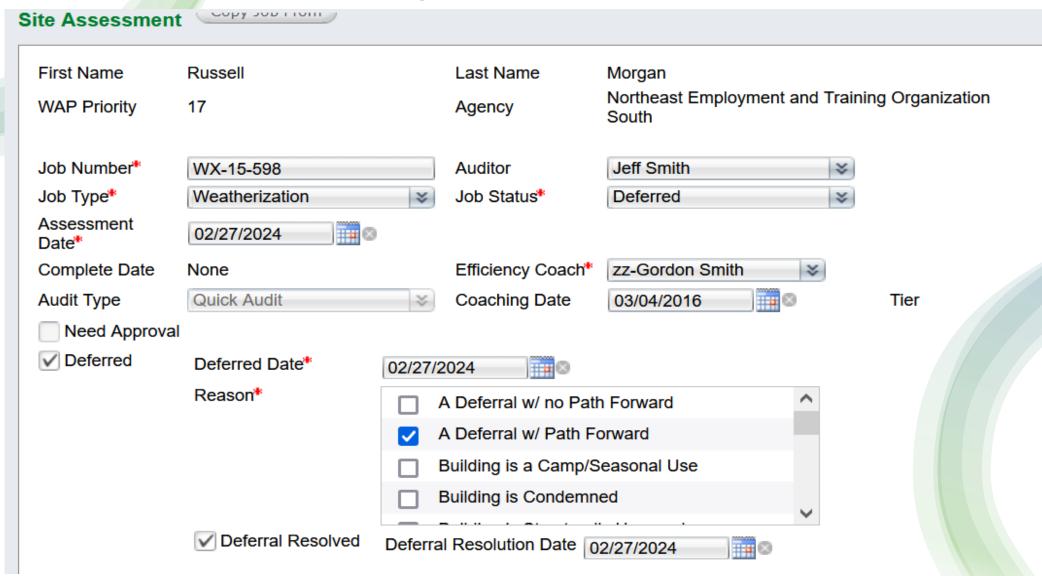
#### Who Uses HES?

In Vermont's six regional Weatherization agencies, every staff member in an administrative position utilizes the system. This includes everyone from Intake staff to Program Directors.

# Why did Vermont Choose Hancock Energy Software?

- For many years Vermont WX used WDMS, a Microsoft Access based data tracking system developed by State IT. Each month agencies would mail in a disc with monthly reports
- Eventually the person who developed the system left and the system was not being maintained.
   This and the addition of multiple new funding sources necessitated the need for a new system.
- VT did not have the expertise to create our own database and wanted a quicker delivery than having one created would entail.
- Hancock Energy Software was chosen because they were agreeable to modify to our needs.
- VT is a crew-based program, HES is originally a subcontractor-based program.
- HES was open to the challenge of modifying the program to accommodate a crew-based program and in creating a FIFO based Inventory.
- Working with HES during the modifications was a full-time job for one of VT staff to manage the process.

### Entering a Deferral in HES



#### Entering a Deferral in HES

#### Working with HES, VT created two Deferral classifications:

- 1. Deferral with Path Forward
- 2. Deferral with no Path Forward

Once the Deferred box on the Audit Information screen is selected, a dropdown pick list appears. This list contains the types of deferrals and a long list of reasons a job could be deferred, multiple reasons can be selected.

If a job is deemed Deferred with no Path Forward, the job will be closed using the appropriate No Unit funding source.

If Deferral with Path Forward is selected, once all barriers to Wx are removed, Deferral Resolved will be selected and the date entered. Once all barriers are removed the job will move forward through the Wx process. (The reasons for Deferral will remail checked)

### **HES Job List**

Deferred <b>T</b>	Deferred Date ↓	Deferred Reason	Deferral Resolved	Deferral Resolution Date
Q	Q	<b>1</b> Q	Q	Q 🛅
Yes	4/29/2024	A Deferral w/ no Path Forward, Client Doesn't Want Wx Job Started, Client Refused Services During Job, Repeat Cancellations/No	No	

### **Deferral Resolved**

Deferred <b>T</b>	Deferred Date	Deferred Reason	Deferral Tesolved	Deferral Resolution Date
Q	Q	Q	Q	Q
Yes	6/12/2023	Other, A Deferral w/ Path Forward	Yes	4/19/2024
Yes	6/30/2021		Yes	8/30/2023
Yes	5/9/2023	A Deferral w/ Path Forward, Vermiculite	Yes	5/9/2023



#### **WRF Webinar**

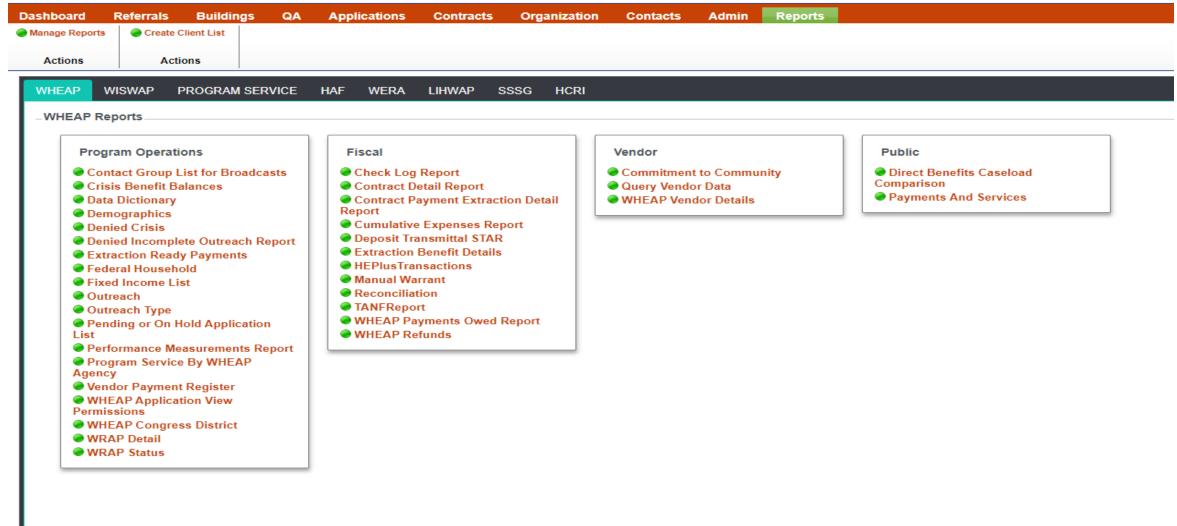
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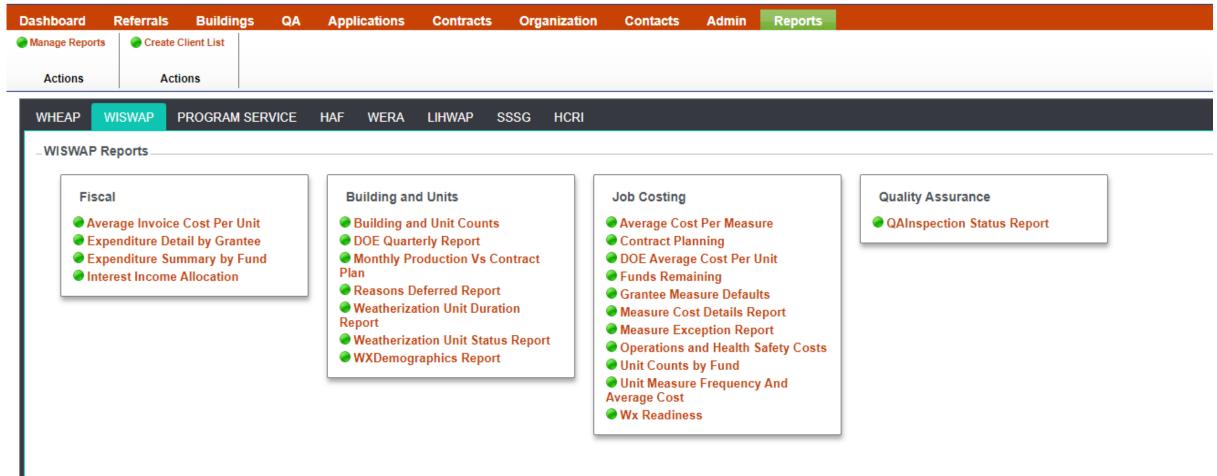
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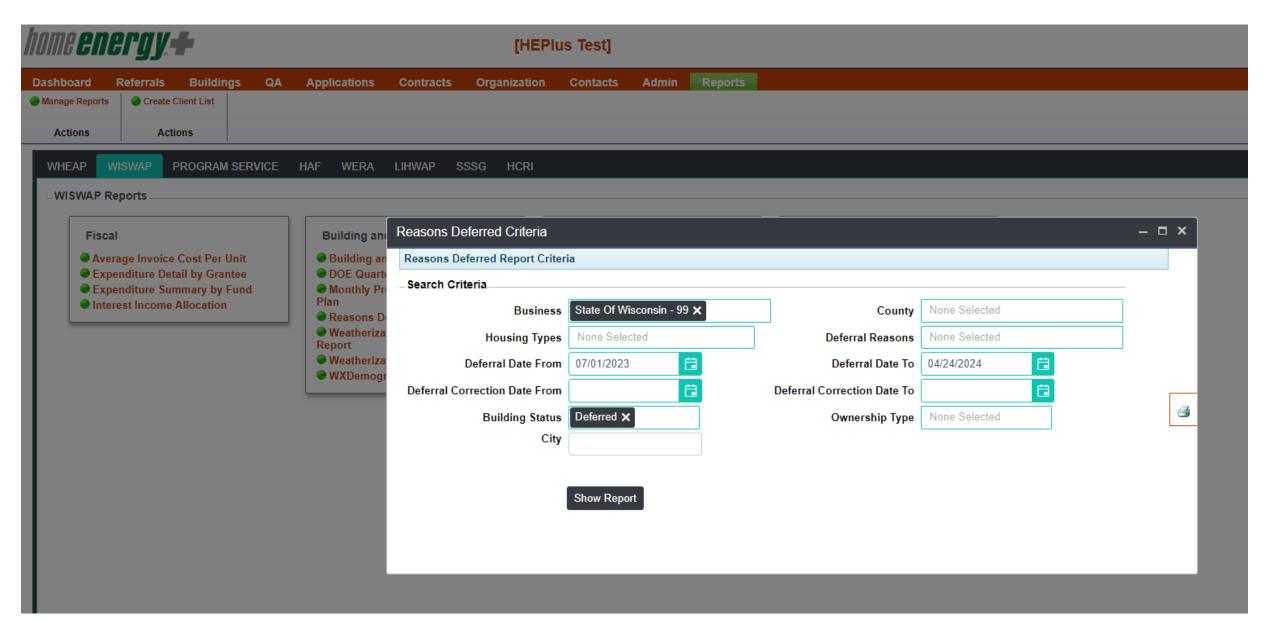




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#### **Reasons Deferred Report**

Grantee Name :State of Wisconsin Report Run Date: 4/24/2024

BuildingStatus :Deferred

Deferral Date From: 7/1/2023 to 4/24/2024

#### Statewide Totals

Reason Deferred	#Units Deferred	% of Total Units Deferred
Building is For Sale or in Foreclosure	32	1.01%
Chemical or Combustion Hazard	13	0.41%
Clutter/Restricted Access to Work Area	320	10.13%
Lead Paint Hazard	4	0.13%
Moisture/Mold	142	4.49%
No Treatment	230	7.28%
Other	679	21.49%
Possible Asbestos Containing Material	39	1.23%
Refused/Unable to Pay Contribution	42	1.33%
Remodeling	94	2.97%
Repair	431	13.64%
Service Declined by Customer/Owner	427	13.51%
Sewage/Animal Feces	87	2.75%
SIR<1	489	15.47%
Vermin/Pests	131	4.15%
Total # of Units with Deferral Reason	2,452	
Total # of Deferred Units with Multiple Reasons Deferred	450	
Total # of Deferred Units Corrected - Weatherized	41	



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Deferral Date From: 7/1/2023 to 4/24/2024

Report Run Date: 4/24/2024

Building ID	Number of Units	Building Status	City	County	Date Deferred	Correction due date	Correction date	Deferral note	Reason Deferred
<u>15067</u>	1	Deferred			3/12/2024			No cost effective ECM's to complete	No Treatment
36923	1	Deferred			1/30/2024			Baseload Freezer Only	No Treatment
65828	1	Deferred			11/8/2023	2/8/2024		Needs to clear out crawlspace	Clutter/Restricted Access to Work Area
<u>116021</u>	1	Deferred			11/8/2023			No cost effective ECM's to complete	No Treatment
118064	1	Deferred			12/12/2023	2/15/2024		Sewage, entire 2nd story needs drywall, no response to calls.	Other
								drywali, no response to calls.	Repair
									Sewage/Animal Feces
137690	1	Deferred			1/12/2024			No cost effective ECM's to complete	No Treatment
145542	1	Deferred			10/17/2023			No cost effective ECM's to complete	No Treatment
200515	1	Deferred			7/24/2023	10/7/2023		Clutter needs to be removed. Client cannot move things until knee surgery is healed.	Clutter/Restricted Access to Work Area
204866	1	Deferred			12/19/2023			Owner declined WH conversion due to necessary ceiling demo to	Service Declined by Customer/Owner
								complete. Drops SIR <1	SIR<1
205243	1	Deferred			2/27/2024	5/27/2024		Client's daughter is blocking work being completed.	Service Declined by Customer/Owner
205296	1	Deferred			12/1/2023	3/3/2024		Need to be able to have electricians do K&T removal	Clutter/Restricted Access to Work Area
205443	1	Deferred			10/5/2023	11/20/2023		Client needs dumpster to remove clutter from home. With his current health he is unable to do so right now.	Clutter/Restricted Access to Work Area
205539	1	Deferred			8/3/2023			Not responding to or	Service Declined by Customer/Owner
206396	1	Deferred			3/1/2024	5/1/2024		Bats	Vermin/Pests



# Questions





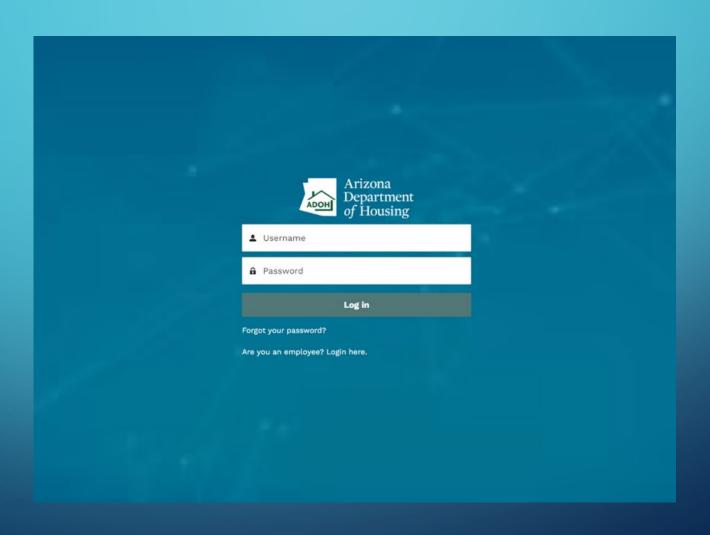
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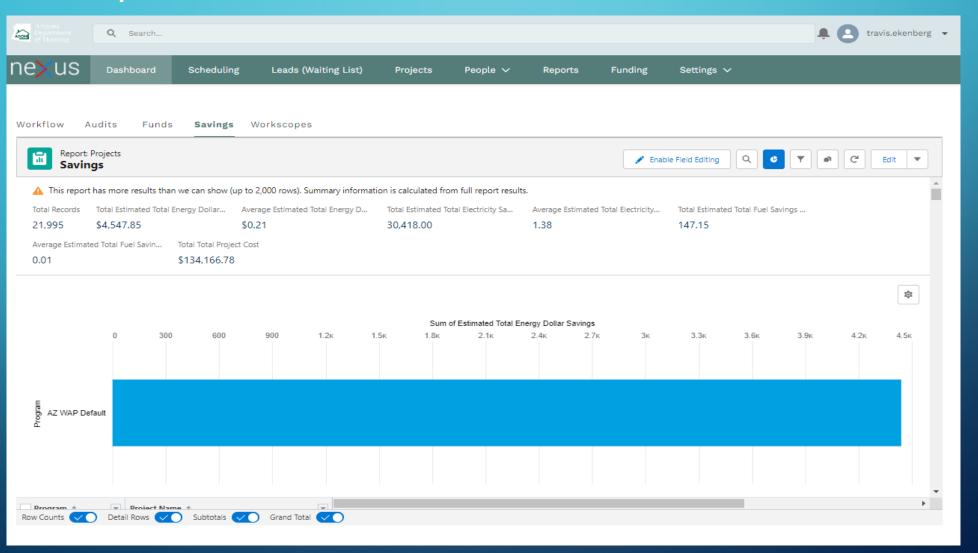
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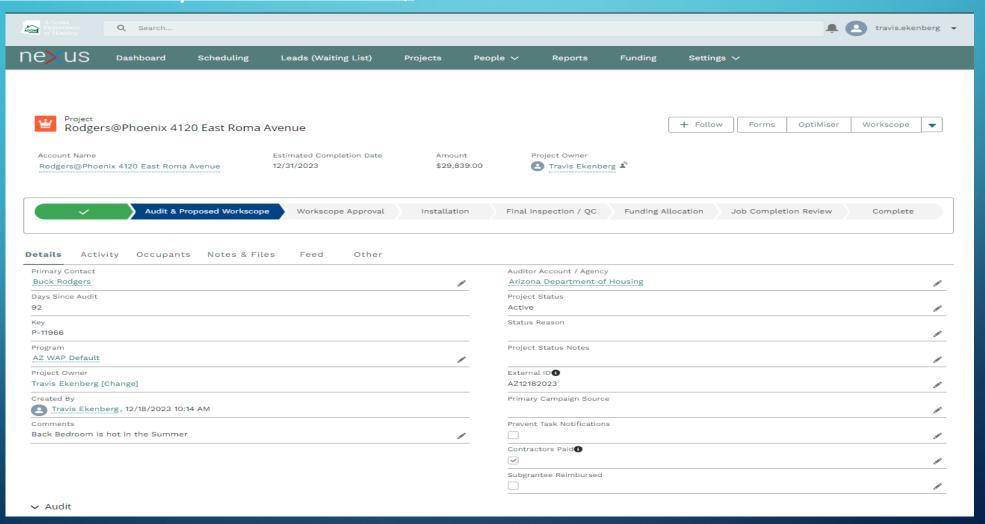
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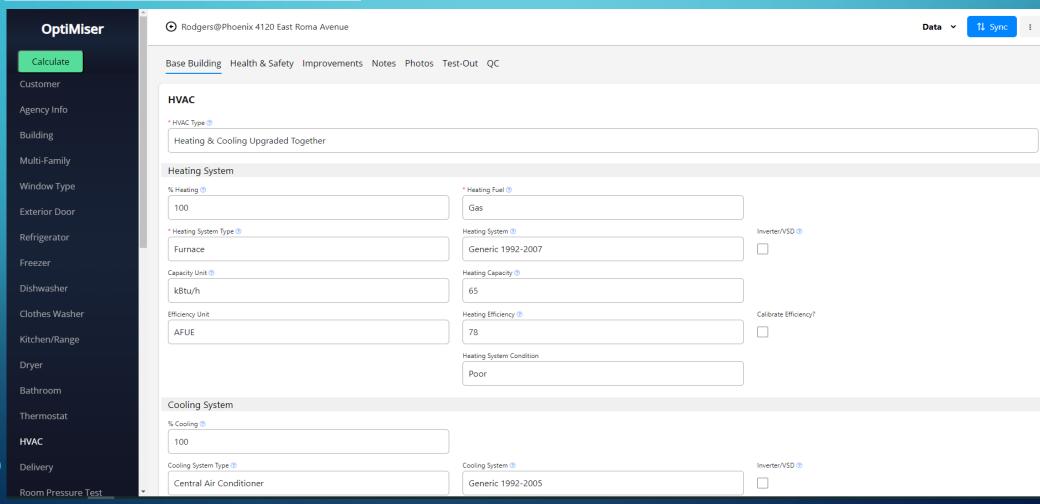
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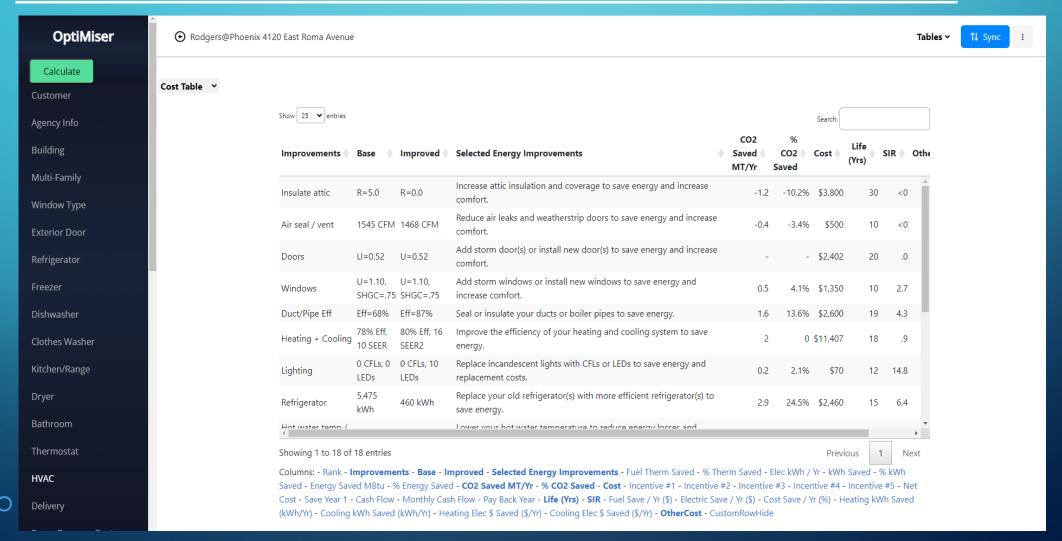
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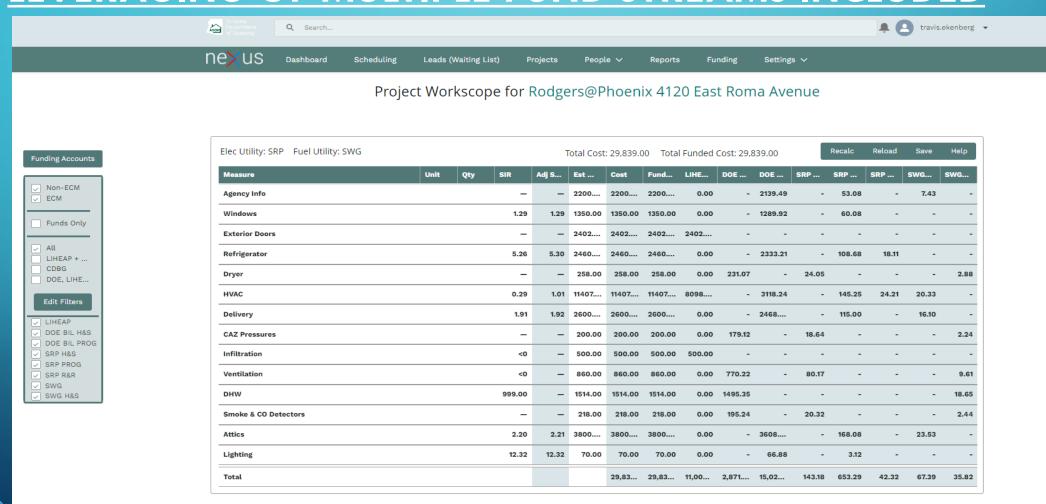
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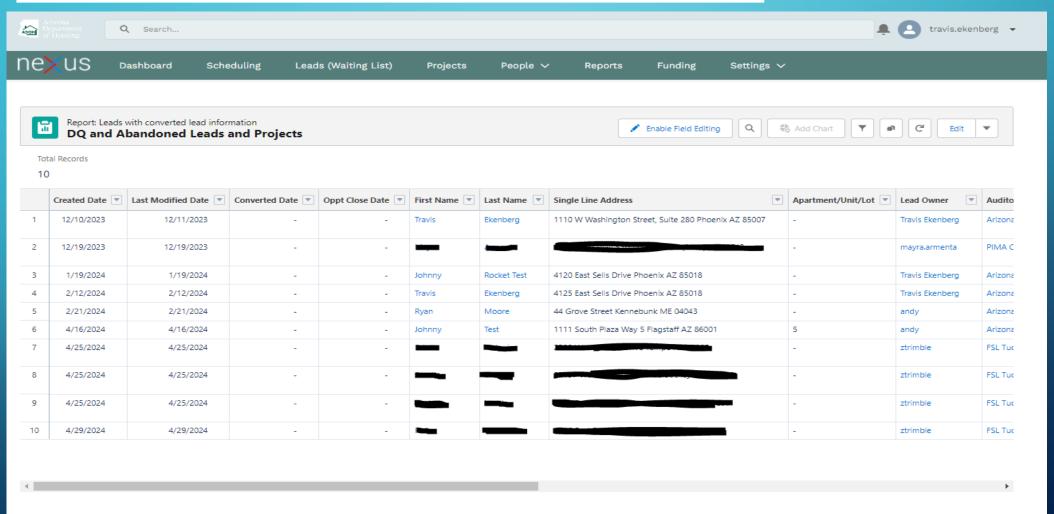
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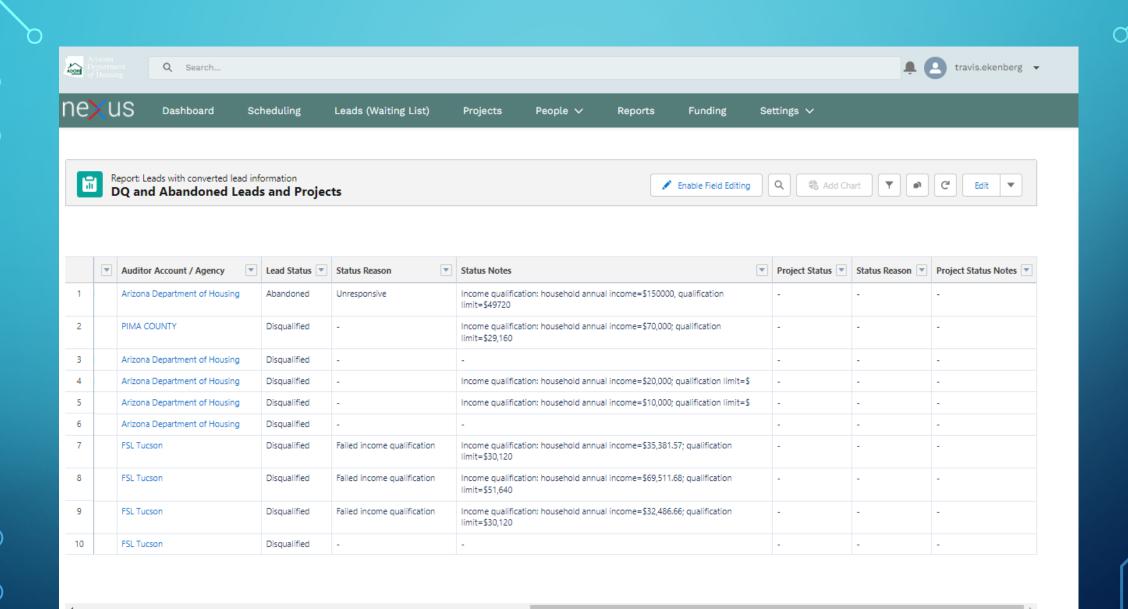


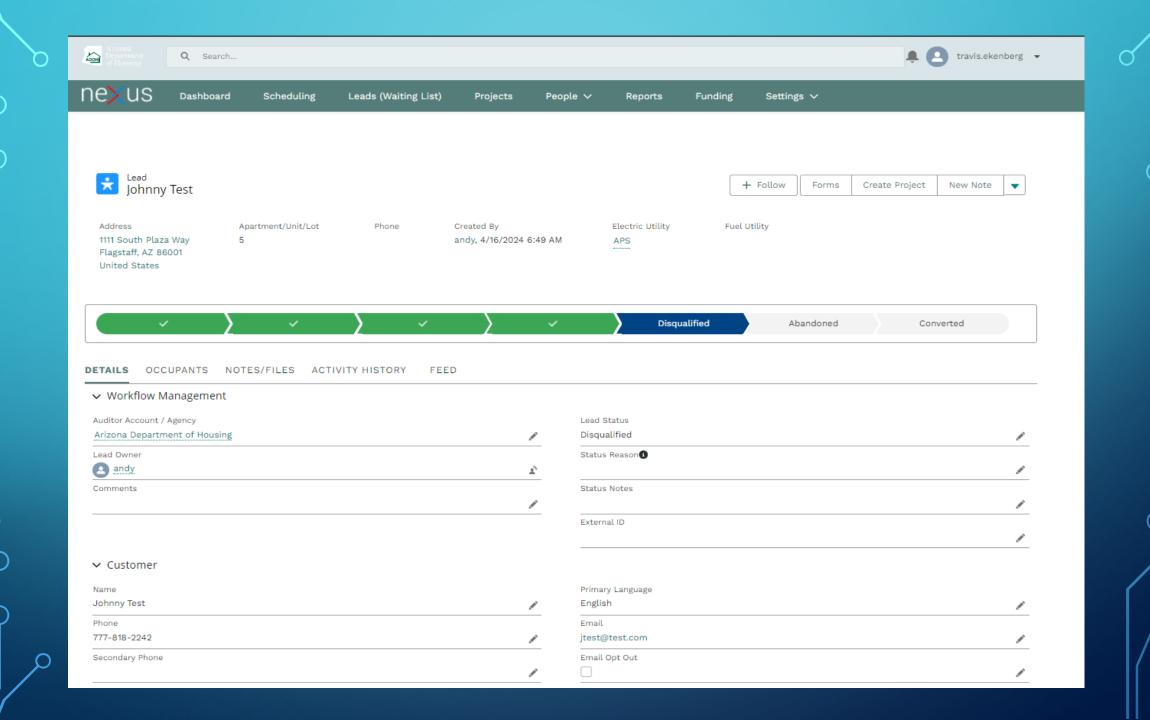
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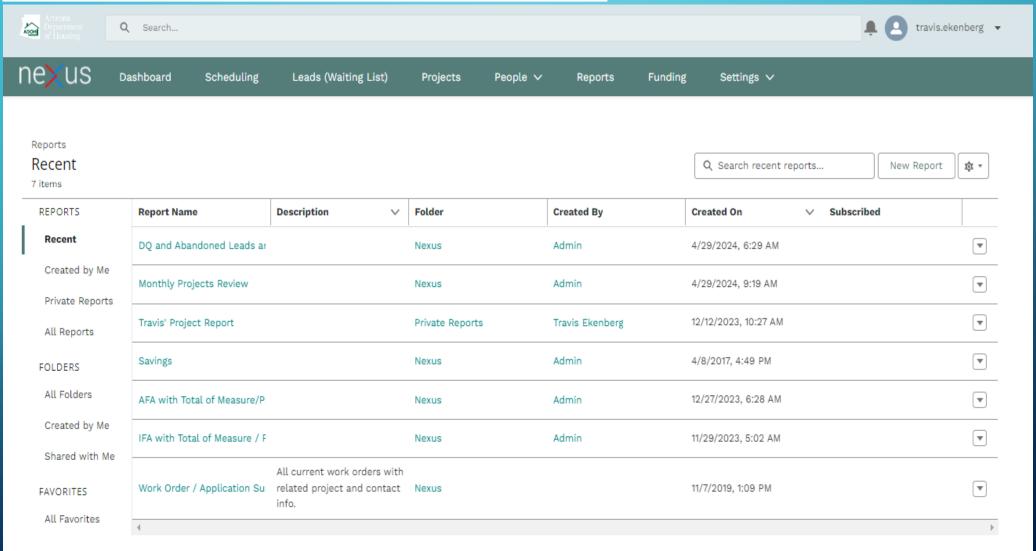
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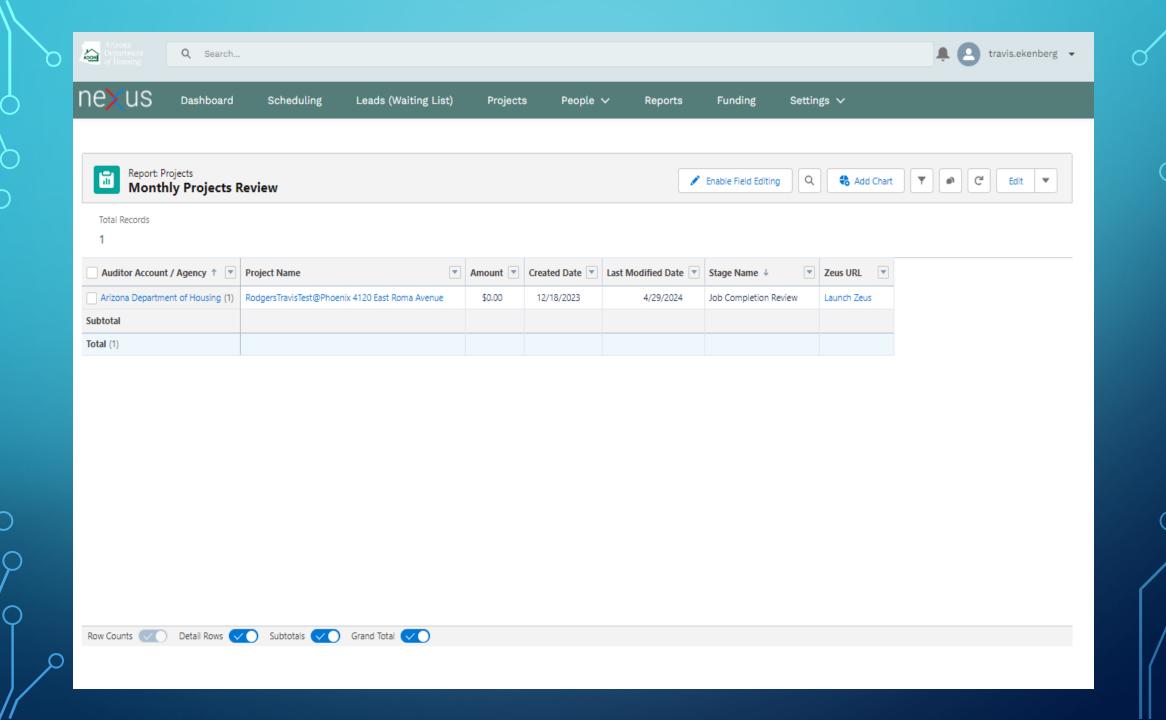


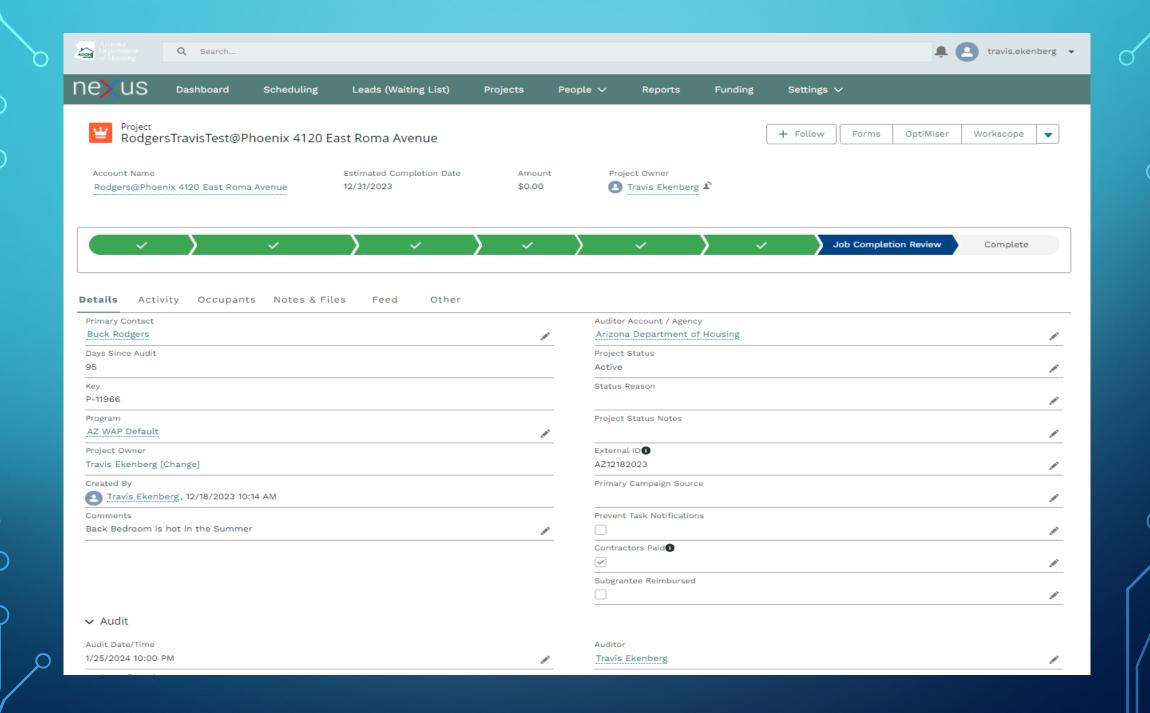




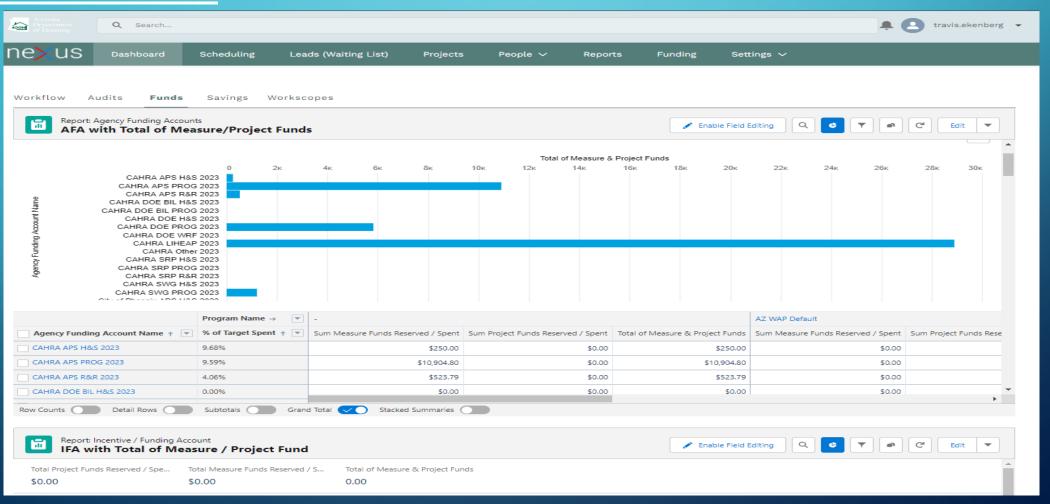
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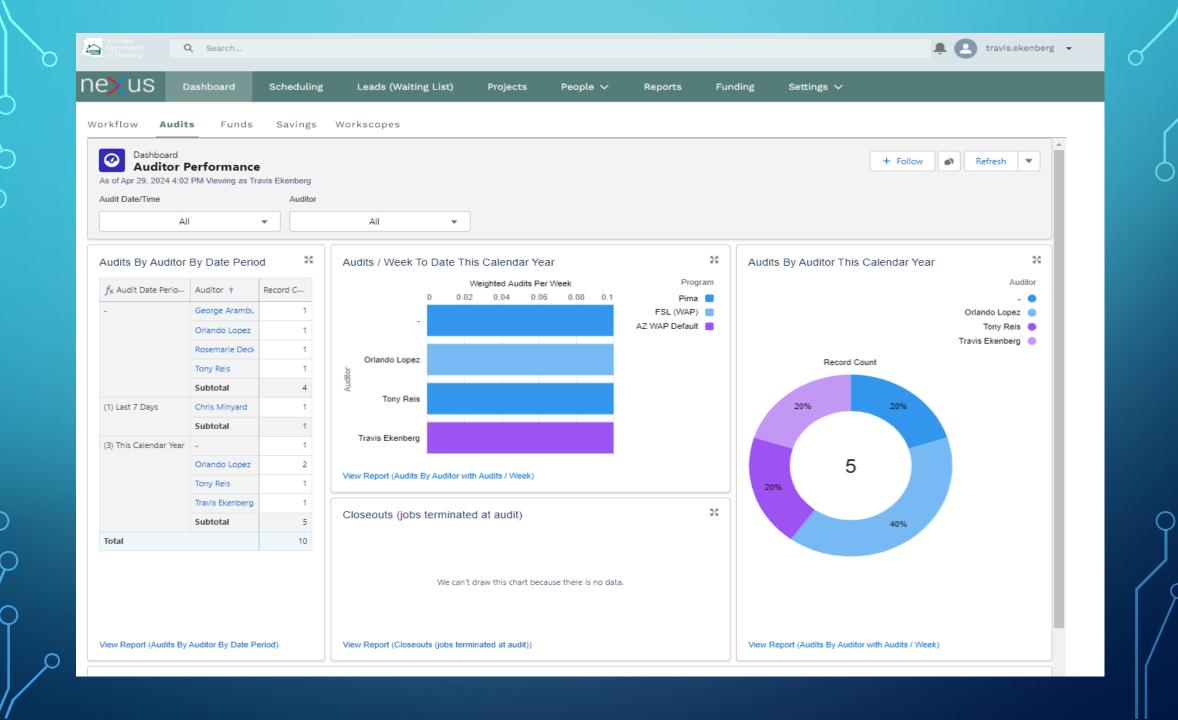


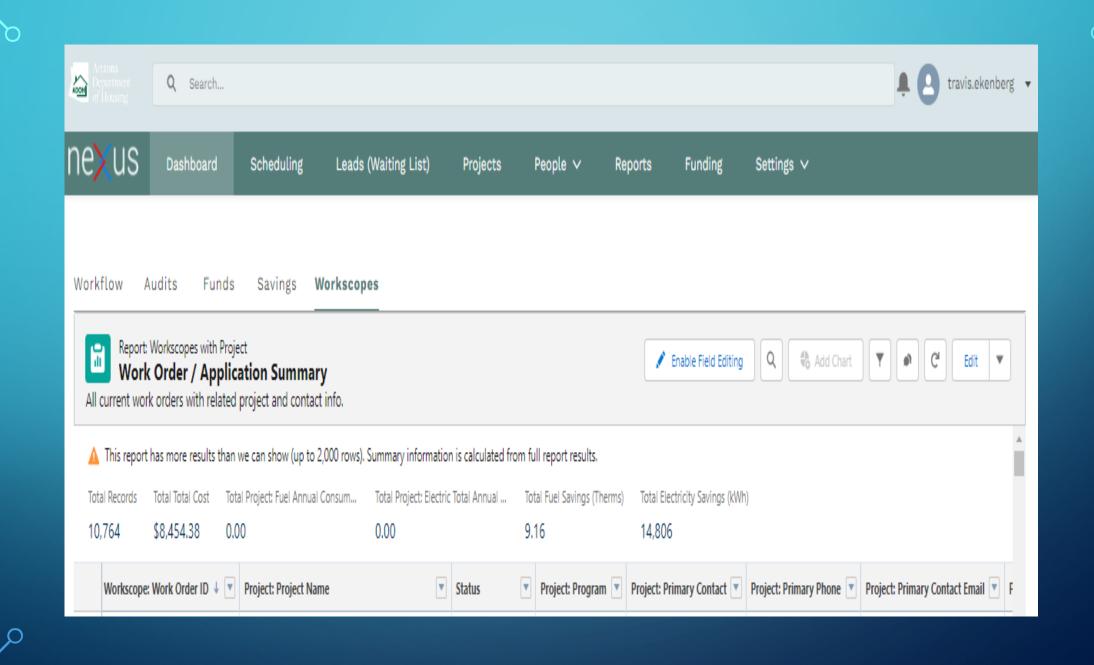




# DASHBOARD/REAL-TIME PERFORMANCE TRACKING







## USER MANUAL IN HELP SECTION AND REAL-TIME ERROR REPORTING



#### AZ Weatherization Assistance Program Software Suite





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### Questions

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