

Memorandum

DATE: **June 20, 2024** AMY KLUSMEIER
REPLY TO: Amy Klusmeier
ATTN OF: **Amy Klusmeier, Innovation Program Manager, Weatherization Assistance Program**
SUBJECT: **Notice of Intent to Release WAP Enhancement & Innovation Funding Opportunity Announcement**
TO: **WAP Grantee Program Managers, WAP Subgrantee Managers, WAP Training Centers**

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The U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) published a Notice of Intent (NOI) on the [Clean Energy Infrastructure Funding Opportunity Exchange](#). This NOI announces the upcoming issuance of a \$36 million Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) titled “WAP Enhancement & Innovation.”

Background

In 2021, Congress directed DOE to establish the competitive WAP Enhancement & Innovation Program¹. This Program is funded by Congress through annual WAP appropriations² and serves five (5) purposes:

1. Expand the number of dwelling units that are occupied by low-income persons that receive weatherization assistance by making such dwelling units weatherization-ready.
2. Promote the deployment of renewable energy in dwelling units that are occupied by low-income persons.
3. Ensure healthy indoor environments by enhancing or expanding health and safety measures and resources available to dwellings that are occupied by low-income persons.
4. Disseminate new methods and best practices among entities providing weatherization assistance.
5. Encourage entities providing weatherization assistance to hire and retain employees who are individuals:
 - a. From the community in which the assistance is provided; and/or,
 - b. From communities or groups that are underrepresented in the home energy performance workforce, including religious and ethnic minorities, women, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and individuals who are socioeconomically disadvantaged.

Guidance for Potential Applicants

Eligible entities to apply include existing WAP Grantees, WAP Subgrantees, and other nonprofit entities. The period of performance for each award is three (3) years and the maximum award is \$2 million per recipient. WAP anticipates that the FOA will include the following three (3) Topic Areas for potential applicants:

1. Multifamily Housing
2. Single Family & Manufactured Housing
3. Workforce Development

¹ Section 1011(e) of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260) authorizes the establishment of the WAP Enhancement & Innovation Program, governed by [42 U.S.C. 6861d](#).

² Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended, authorizes DOE to administer WAP (42 U.S.C. § 6861, et. seq.).

The release of the WAP Enhancement & Innovation FOA is scheduled around 30 days after the publication of this NOI. To stay informed with official updates and specifics regarding this FOA, eligible entities should register on the [Clean Energy Infrastructure Exchange](#). Applications will **only** be accepted through the [Clean Energy Infrastructure Exchange](#) website.

Contact Information

For inquiries related to WAP Enhancement & Innovation, please email Weatherization.Innovation@hq.doe.gov.