NASCSP WAP Quarterly Member Webinar 2Q 2025

June 12, 2025



AGENDA

Staffing Updates

Advocacy & Legislation

NASCSP Updates & Resources

National Partner Updates

Federal Updates

NASCSP WAP Chair & Board Updates

Member Open Discussion



Staffing Updates:

- WAP Senior Program Manager position filled!
- Please help us welcome Megan Meadows.
 Formerly the Director of Energy Assistance with OCS.
- Prior service as Chief at Ohio Department of Development, including oversight of WAP and SEP.





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NASCSP is Hiring!

NASCSP is hiring a **Communications Manager** who will be responsible for advancing all of NASCSP's communications efforts.

NASCSP is hiring a **Government Relations**Manager who will be responsible for advancing the CSBG and WAP state perspective on Capitol Hill and among key NASCSP partners and stakeholders

Advocacy andLegislativeUpdates





FY26 Appropriations

State of Play + Timeline

- **FY26 Presidential Budget:** President Trump released his "Budget in Brief" on June 2. The full budget appendix can be found here.
 - They have yet to release EERE budget justification.
 - We expect DOE to release additional budget justifications and details in the coming weeks.
- House of Representatives: the House Appropriations Committee is slated to markup their Energy & Water bill on Monday, July 7.
 - We expect to see bill text and figures for the FY26 House WAP proposal on or around July 7.
- **Senate:** The Senate Appropriations Committee has not yet announced their markup schedule, but we anticipate markups will occur **after** House markups, perhaps in late July or early August.

FY26 Appropriations – DOE Budget Request WAP Annual Funding

- The Department of Energy FY26 budget proposes to cut funding for DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy (EERE) **by 74**% (\$3.46B in FY24 to \$888M in FY26).
- The DOE budget proposes to eliminate annual funding for the Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP).
- The DOE budget (per OMB) also proposes to eliminate annual funding for Weatherization & Intergovernmental Activities.
- The DOE budget in brief does not explicitly specify a lineitem proposal for WAP – but SCEP elimination could indicate proposed eliminated annual funding for WAP.
- More details are expected via additional DOE budget documents, slated to be released in the coming weeks.

FY26 Appropriations – DOE Budget Request WAP IIJA Funding

- The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) FY26 budget appendix proposes to **rescind the unobligated balance of IIJA WAP funding \$138M total,** per OMB, from the \$3.5B WAP IIJA allocation.
 - WAP is not the only office targeted the budget proposes canceling a total \$15B in IIJA DOE funding, including unspent funds for SEP, EECBG, and other programs.
- Broad justification of the proposed rescission from the President's Skinny Budget, released May 2:
 - "The Budget cancels over \$15 billion in Green New Scam funds committed to build unreliable renewable energy, removing carbon dioxide from the air, and other costly technologies burdensome to ratepayers and consumers."

FY26 Appropriations – HHS Budget Request LIHEAP Annual Funding

- The Department of Health and Human Services
 FY26 budget proposes to eliminate annual
 funding for LIHEAP.
- Justification of the elimination from the President's Skinny Budget, released May 2:
 - "The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is unnecessary because States have policies preventing utility disconnection for low-income households, effectively making LIHEAP a pass-through benefitting utilities in the Northeast..."

FY26 Appropriations (WAP)

May/June NASCSP Advocacy Work

- NASCSP submitted Outside Witness
 Testimony in support of WAP to the House Appropriations Committee,
 Subcommittee on Energy & Water, and
 Senate Appropriations Committee,
 Subcommittee on Energy & Water.
 - Requests: \$442M for WAP, including \$375M for the base office; \$52M for the Weatherization Readiness Fund; and \$15M for Training & Technical Assistance

FY26 Appropriations (WAP)

May/June NASCSP Advocacy Work

- NASCSP met with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in support of our WAP requests in advance of the release of agency-specific budget requests.
- NASCSP met with staff from House
 Appropriations Committee,
 Subcommittee on Energy & Water
 (Majority & Minority) and Senate
 Appropriations Committee,
 Subcommittee on Energy & Water
 (Majority & Minority) in support of our WAP requests.



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Pending Legislation

Pending Legislation - WAP

- House: Weatherization Enhancement & Readiness Act of 2025 (Tonko, H.R. 1355)
 - Reauthorizes WAP through FY30
 - Authorizes the Weatherization Readiness Fund at \$50M/year through FY30
 - Increases the statutory ACPU from \$6,500 to \$12,000
 - Cosponsors include Reps. Lawler (R-NY-17), Fitzpatrick (R-PA-01), Nunn (R-IA-03) and Moylan (R-GU-AL), along with Kaptur (D-OH-09), Riley (D-NY-19), Mullin (D-CA-15) and Bishop (D-GA-02).
- **Senate:** Weatherization Assistance Program Improvements Act of 2025 (Reed, Collins, Shaheen, Coons, S. 1342)
 - Authorizes the Weatherization Readiness Fund at \$30M/year through FY30
 - Increases the statutory ACPU from \$6,500 to \$15,000
 - Increases the statutory cap for renewable energy systems from \$3,000 to \$6,000
 - Note: does not propose to reauthorize WAP

Pending Legislation - LIHEAP

- LIHEAP Parity Act of 2025 (Kelly, Gallego, S. 1700) introduced May 8, 2025
 - The bill proposes to adjust the LIHEAP formula by removing "hold harmless" statutory language that currently ensures that states that stand to gain the most funding based on heating and cooling needs have their shares reduced to compensate states that would stand to lose funding.
 - This adjustment would **benefit hot-climate states** (like Arizona) that stand to receive more funding based on cooling needs but conversely would **reduce** allocations for cold-climate states.
 - The bill also would require HHS to specify what data sources will be used to generate state allotments, and how often they must be updated.
 - Currently, Sens. Kelly and Gallego (both D–AZ) are the only cosponsors.

Pending Legislation – Budget Reconciliation H.R. 1 – the One Big Beautiful Bill Act

- The first draft of the House Energy & Commerce Committee mark of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act proposed to rescind \$401M in unobligated annual funding from EERE and \$262M in unobligated annual funding from SCEP.
- However, these EERE and SCEP rescissions were **omitted** from the final legislation that passed the House May 22 for **procedural reasons**.
- These unobligated totals **could remain vulnerable** for proposed rescission via FY26 appropriations.



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Pending Legislation

May/June NASCSP Advocacy Work

- NASCSP met with the office of Rep. Tonko (D-NY-20) in support of the Weatherization Enhancement & Readiness Act of 2025.
- NASCSP is scheduling meetings with Senate allies (Sen. Reed, D-RI; Sen. Coons, D-DE) regarding the WAP Improvements Act and WAP reauthorization.



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Call to Action!

- Join our Federal lobbying & education efforts!
- Meet with your state's Congressional representatives to speak about:
 - WAP Annual Funding
 - WAP Reauthorization
 - Approval freeze impacts
- Reach out to Andrea (<u>Aschroer@NASCSP.org</u>) and Cheryl Williams (<u>Cwilliams@NASCSP.org</u>) to get involved.

NASCSP Resources and Updates

- Conference Updates
- Advocacy Tools and Resources
- NASCSP Funding Availability Survey and Brief
- ■NASCSP WAP Resources
 - ■IIJA Member Resources
 - NASCSP Wage Survey & Resources
 - Annual Funding Survey and Report
 - Blogs and Success Stories
- Working Group Updates
 - •Multifamily
 - Workforce
 - IIJA Implementation

State Contacts: Updates Requested

We are asking members to please help us update their state contacts. Please review your state contact info by logging into the NASCSP Member Portal and accessing https://nascsp.org/about/state-organizations/

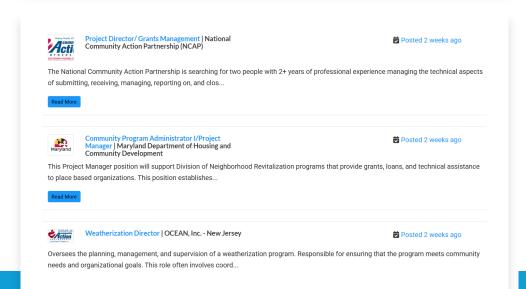
- Primary
- Secondary
- Please email Darryl Hamilton with your updates dhamilton@nascsp.org
 - Do we need to remove staff?
 - · Do we need to add staff?



NASCSP Resources – Jobs Board

 Please send us your open jobs so we can post <u>here</u> and include in our bi-weekly E-News. Email <u>Dhamilton@nascsp.org</u>



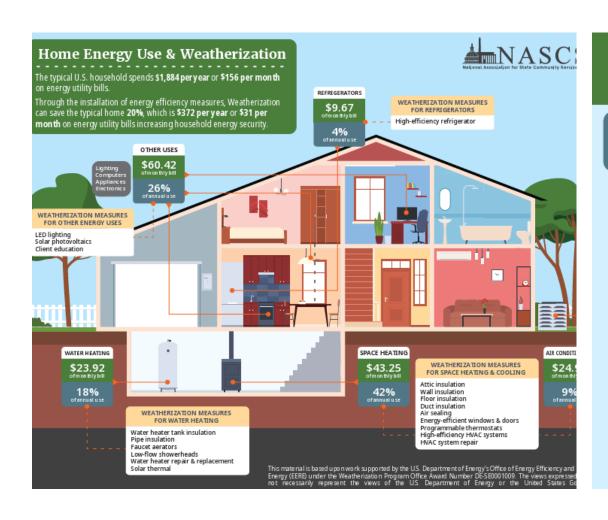




Conference Updates

- We're thrilled to announce that registration for the NASCSP 2025 Annual Training Conference in Chicago, Illinois is officially OPEN!
- Make sure to reserve your room before August 21, 2025, to secure the group rate. You may also call the hotel reservation line at 1-888-737-9477. When calling, use the reference block code NASCS0925.

NASCSP Advocacy Tools



Weatherization Assistance Program: Driving Energy Efficiency and Security

The Weatherization Assistance Program reduces energy costs for energy burdened households by improving energy efficiency and increasing energy security. For nearly 50 years, WAP has been a cornerstone of energy affordability in the U.S.



Every U.S. household spends money on energy utilities

\$1,884 per year

\$156 per month

\$768 per person, annually

\$1.04 per square foot, annually



Many U.S. households are energy insecure

27% are energy insecure

10% face an energy disconnect

10% keep their homes at an unhealthy temperature

20% went without food or medicine to pay energy bills







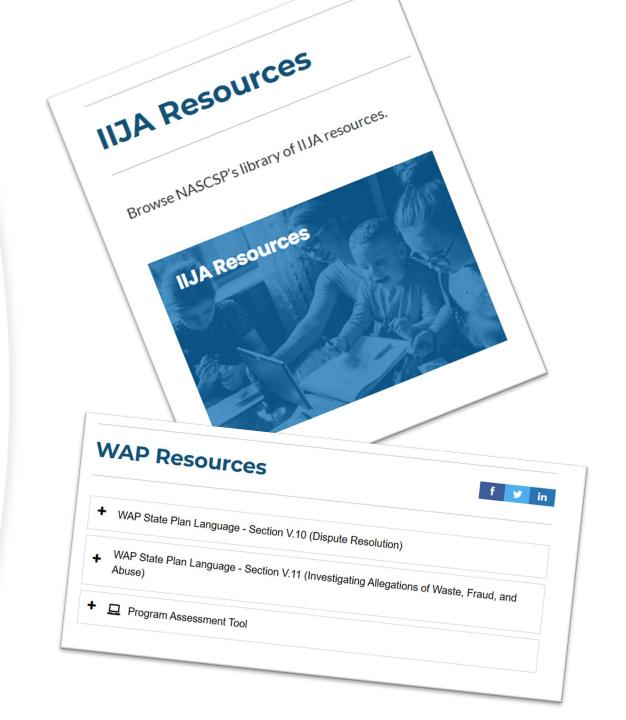


NASCSP WAP Resources

IIJA Updates & Resources

New Member only resources!

New member only IIJA resources located on our website





Templates and Sampl

NEW TEMPLATES!

Click below to download word documents

Contractor Agreement Template

Interagency MOU Template

MORE New Member only resources!



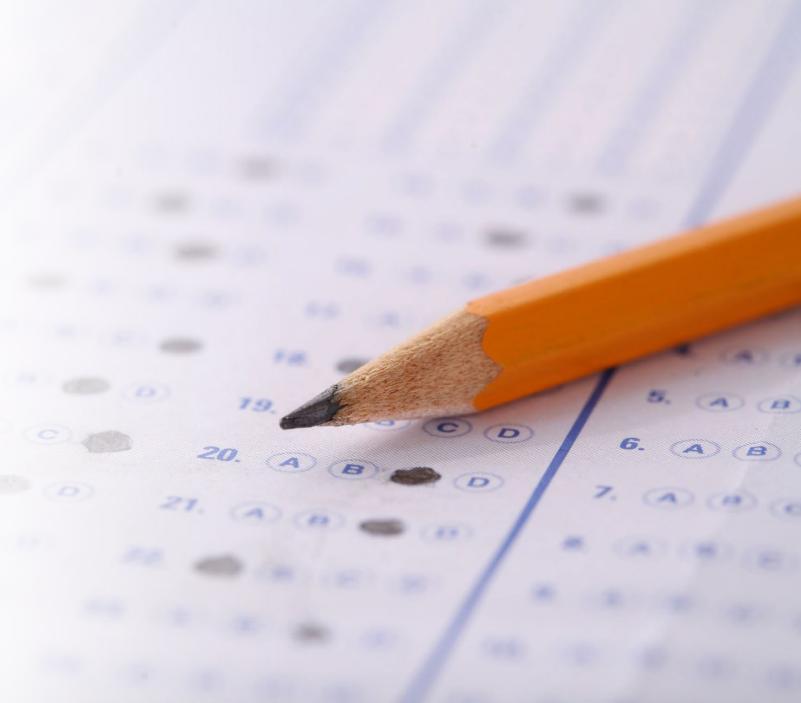
Poll Question

Have you revised and submitted your IIJA State Plan for the last tranche of funding?

- Yes, and approved
- Yes, pending approval
- No
- We plan to submit in the next 90 days

WAP Annual Funding Report – Coming Soon!

- 52 Grantees responded to our survey. Thank you so much for your time and effort in completing this important task!
- PY 2023 WAP Funding Report is a coordinated data collection effort between NASCSP and NCAP to provide a comprehensive summary of WAP funding and production.
- NASCSP delivered the draft report to DOE 1Q2025 and is awaiting approval to publish.



Help Us Tell Weatherization Client Success Stories!

NASCSP's National Voice



Raising the Bar for Weatherization: How Vermont's Efficiency Coaches Empower and Engage Clients

Posted on April 29, 2025 Posted By brycenguyen

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) provides more than just energy savings. It also provides energy security, cost savings, and—maybe most importantly—an opportunity for a personal...



We are reaching out to gather and celebrate the inspiring client success stories and promotional materials from Weatherization Assistance Programs & Training Centers across the United States. Your experiences, whether large or small, are incredibly valuable in showcasing the positive impact of your efforts. Whether you've transformed a community, empowered individuals, or achieved milestones through your training, your stories have the power to inspire and uplift others in the field.



NASCSP Working Group Updates



Multi-Family Working Group



Ryan Harry, NASCSP Contractor is leading the work and facilitation of the MF Working Group.



Multifamily Quick Start Guide has been peer reviewed and is awaiting final edits.



In June the guide will be sent to DOE for review and approval

Workforce Development Working Group (WDWG)

Resources developed from the 2024 Weatherization Workforce & Wage Survey will be released soon!

- Career Fliers
- Workforce and Wage Data Dashboards
- Analysis and Best Practices
- And more!



Updated Career Fliers!

Available now!

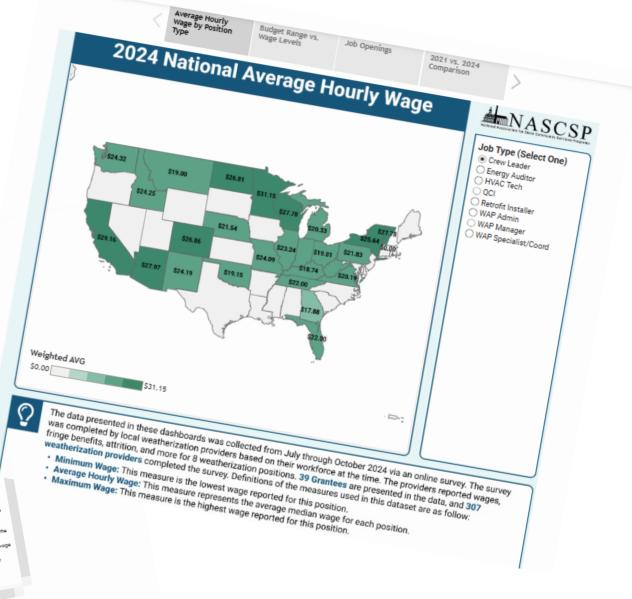
Find these on the NASCSP Workforce Resources & Tools webpage.



Updated Wage Dashboards

Coming Soon!









- New Page <u>Career Pathways for SYA Alumni</u>
- Contractor <u>Business</u>
 <u>Development Resources</u>
- Contractor's Guide to Success (and the above tools) in <u>Spanish</u>
- Recent Webinars with NCAP and NASCSP posted to the resource hub.
- Upcoming trainings at both the NASCSP and NCAP conferences this fall.
- And more!!!

Green Workforce Connect Onboarding

Would your state like to have a <u>state</u> <u>spotlight page?</u>

- Free and easy onboarding!
- Promotes program awareness and engagement with contractors, job-seekers, trainers, and partners!
- We will have FREE onboarding OPEN HOUSE in Chicago at the NASCSP Conference on Monday September 22, 2025, from 2-4:00 PM.

Click yes on the next poll question and Kye will work on getting the onboarding information to you and helping with every step of the way.



Green Workforce Connect Spotlights: Where You Live

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Who's On Board		Working On It Now		
Arizona Colorado Georgia (in-progress) Kentucky Michigan Minnesota Montana	New Mexico (in- progress) Oklahoma Pennsylvania Vermont Wisconsin	American Samoa California Delaware Hawaii Guam Iowa Illinois Kansas Maine Maryland	Massachusetts Mississippi New York North Dakota Puerto Rico Oregon Tennessee Texas Washington	



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Spotlights: Where You Live ▼ About Us

Poll: Do you want to join Green Workforce Connect and have a state spotlight page?



EA / QCI Pilots Open!

2025 Energy Auditor (EA) and Quality Control Inspector (QCI) Certification Pilot Exams Now Open

Applications are now open for the updated U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Energy Auditor (EA) and Quality Control Inspector (QCI) certification 2025 pilot exams, offered through the Building Performance Institute (BPI).

Learn more and apply on BPI's website. For questions, please reach out to pilot@bpi.org.







SUBMIT A SESSION PROPOSAL



APRIL 13-16, 2026

The call for session proposals is now open for the 2026 Building Performance Association National Home Performance Conference in Columbus OH!

Submit a Proposal Here







DOE WAP PY 2025 State Plans:

- April 1 state plan are not approved.
- We will have time during our OPEN Discussion with the WAP Chair to discuss how states are adapting and what we can do.

The administration has implemented a new review process at DOE

Increasing the layers of approval and who needs to approve funding

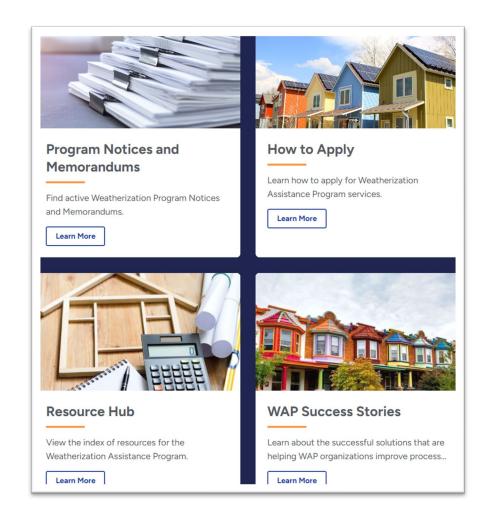


Poll: Did your state apply for a no-cost 90-day extension on your PY 2024 award?

- Yes
- No
- Yes & approved for 90 days

DOE SCEP: Staffing Updates

- Deputy Director
 - Michael Li
- Program Manager
 - Derek Schroeder
- Project Officer Supervisor
 - Ray Judy
- Lead Program Analyst
 - Katy Kujawski
- Training and Technical Assistance Advisor
 - Muska Kamran



Final DOE WAP Project Officer Assignments - June 2025

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Illinois		Oregon		
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North Carolina		American Samoa		
South Dakota		Connecticut	Valeri Holzherr: valerie.holzherr@hq.doe.gov	
Kansas		Arizona		

WPN IIJA – 1 and IIJA – 2 REVISED

- All reference to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) have been changed to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)
- Elements related to diversity, equity, and inclusion have been removed. While IIJA grants have some requirements and/or topics that are specific only to that funding, Grantees should utilize relevant information issued in the annual Grant Application Weatherization Program Notice (WPN), currently WPN 24-1, as well as other active WPNs and Memorandums provided by DOE to ensure all current and relevant directives are being implemented. Please see Tables in Section 5.0 of WPN 24-1 to see a list of applicable notices and resources



WPN IIJA – 6 REVISED

- References to the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (BIL) have been updated to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) The "Overview" section has been updated to include reference to Davis Bacon 29 CFR 5.5(a)-5.10. REVISIONS
- ENERGY MODELING AND WAGE DETERMINATIONS:
 Updates made to clarify established wage rates may be used when determining cost effectiveness of all multifamily buildings. Actual wages paid must align with the prevailing wages for the building type.
- ATTACHMENT 2: Frequently Asked Question added to clarify Energy Auditors and Inspectors work is not covered by the Davis-Bacon Act therefore do not need to be paid prevailing wages



Other Revised WPNs



- Executive Order "Ending DEI Program and Preferencing" on January 20, 2025. Sections of Weatherization Program Notice's have been updated to reflect the intentions of the Executive Order. Specifically, elements related to diversity, equity, and inclusion have been removed. References to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) have been updated to Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA).
- References to updated WPNs/Memos has been provided in specific sections as needed.

WAP Memo 136 Revised: Multifamily WAP

Under Section 2:
 Inspections –
 Multifamily:
 Grantees had to
 include
 comprehensive
 training in the
 Grantee Training
 Plan for individuals
 signing off on work
 in multifamily and
 WAP field workers
 who work on
 multifamily
 buildings.

Weatherization
Program Notice
(WPN) 22-4 Quality
Work Plan
Requirement
Updates includes
guidance to support
and verify work
quality in the
Department of
Energy's (DOE)
Weatherization
Assistance Program
(WAP).

- Update: Effective immediately, DOE will not require current and future Grantee Training Plans to include comprehensive training for multifamily buildings for Annual and Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)related training activities.
- Future Grantee Training Plans must include specific training for multifamily buildings for individuals signing off on work and WAP field workers completing weatherization on these types of buildings. DOE will formalize this change in a future update to the Quality Work Plan guidance

WPN 25-3 Poverty Guidelines

2025 guidelines showing income eligibility limits at 200 percent of the poverty guidelines by state / territory / district.



Reminder to update your WAP Data Management Systems with the new poverty income levels.

- WPN 25-3 Includes definition of income and importantly, income exclusions
- Requirements for proof of eligibility
- RE-CERTIFICATION: An applicant must be re-certified when eligibility lapses due to the length of time the applicant was waiting to receive Weatherization services. As a reminder, recertification of eligibility must occur within 12 months of service.

LIHEAP Updates:

- NEUAC
- The All Parties Letter is an annual effort by NEUAC, uniting over a thousand stakeholders to urge Congress to protect and maximize LIHEAP funding, ensuring energy security for vulnerable households.
- 2026 Letter with Signatures

90% staffing reduction at the Federal Level

Final 10% issued to states

OCS presented virtually at NEUAC

Committed to getting out LIHEAP funds

Stephanie Insinna – Sahondo (CO) NASCSP Board, WAP Chair



- WAP Chair Updates
- OPEN Member Discussion Time
 - What impacts will delayed PY
 2025 funding have on your state?
 Your Subgrantees
 - How are you operating without the PY 2025 state plan funding?

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