

NASCSP

**Weatherization
Assistance
Program**

**Quarterly Member
Only Webinar**

March 19, 2026



AGENDA

Executive Director Updates – Cheryl Williams

NASCSP Member Resources – WAP Team

National Partner Updates – WAP Team

Federal Updates – WAP Team

NASCSP WAP Chair & Board Updates – Samantha Pearce

Member Open Discussion – Samantha Pearce



Board Updates

- Strategic Governance Committee
 - Researching NASCSP's tax status
 - Diversifying our resources is the top NASCSP priority.
- Policy and Practice Committee
 - Committee Charter is complete!
 - We are recruiting additional members. You do not need to be a Board member.
- Communications Committee
 - We are still recruiting members. Please reach out to our Communications Manager, Beck Pasquale, at bpasquale@nascsp.org to join!



Staffing Update



- We are excited to announce that Megan Meadows has been promoted to the WAP Director position!
- Since joining the NASCSP Team last June, Megan has become a valuable team member as the Senior WAP Program Manager
- Please join us in congratulating Megan on her promotion!





Advocacy & Legislative Updates

WAP Quarterly Member Webinar: Federal State of Play & NASCSP Advocacy

Skip Wiltshire-Gordon, Director, Government Affairs

AnnDyl Policy Group

March 2026

NASCSP Federal Advocacy - **Appropriations**

FY26 Appropriations - DOE

Office/Program	FY2025	PBR	House Proposed	Senate Proposed	Enacted
EERE	\$3.46B	\$888M	\$1.85B	\$3.29B	\$3.1B
WAP	\$366M	\$0	\$195M	\$375M	\$369M
-base	-\$326M		-\$180M	-\$335M	-\$329M
-T&TA	-\$10M		-\$5M	-\$10M	-\$10M
-WRF	-\$30M		-\$10M	-\$30M	-\$30M



Statute (Bill Text)

- Continued FY24 indirect cost rates
- 3-day Congressional notice period for any FY26 allocation terminations

Program Direction (Bill Report)

- DOE directed to obligate WAP funds “at the start of each grantee’s approved Program Year”

NASCS FY27 DOE Appropriations **Requests**

Office/Program	FY2026	FY27 Network Request	FY27 President's Budget Request
WAP (overall)	\$369M	\$442M	<i>TBD</i>
Base Program	\$329M	\$375M	
Training & Technical Assistance	\$10M	\$15M	
Weatherization Readiness Fund	\$30M	\$52M	

NASCSP FY27 DOE Appropriations Requests

- **White House**
 - NASCSP met with OMB March 10.
- **House**
 - **Member Submission Deadline: March 20**
 - Letter Lead: **Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY-20)**
 - 128 signatures
 - **Outside Witness Testimony Deadline: April 17**
 - NASCSP will submit testimony and meet with staff.
- **Senate**
 - **Member Submission Deadline: April 16**
 - Letter Lead: **Sen. Jack Reed (D-RI)**
 - Launching potentially as soon as next week
 - **Outside Witness Testimony Deadline: TBD**
 - NASCSP will submit testimony and meet with staff.

Support FY27 Funding for the Weatherization Assistance and State Energy Programs

Sending Office: Honorable Paul Tonko
Sent By: Brendan.Larkin@mail.house.gov

Want to Lower Energy Costs and Spur Energy Innovation?
Support FY27 Funding for the Weatherization Assistance and State Energy Programs

[QUILL LINK](#)

Deadline: COB, Wednesday, March 18

Dear Colleague:

I invite you to join this letter to the Energy and Water Subcommittee in support of funding for the Department of Energy's (DOE's) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), Weatherization Readiness Fund, and State Energy Program (SEP) in Fiscal Year 2027.

The Weatherization Assistance Program reduces the energy burden on low-income families, creates jobs, spurs local businesses, and advances technology. Households receiving weatherization assistance experience \$372 in average annual energy cost savings. A peer-reviewed evaluation by Oak Ridge National Laboratory found that the program is cost-effective by even the most conservative estimates. Each Weatherization Assistance dollar produces \$4.50 in benefits, including energy savings as well as improved health and safety. DOE's weatherization efforts also include funding to support Training & Technical Assistance and the Weatherization Readiness Fund, which supplements the Weatherization Assistance Program to repair homes in such poor condition they are unable to receive effective weatherization services.

State Energy Program funding used by states delivers extraordinary economic benefits to all sectors of the economy from generation to end-use and export. States use SEP funds in their work with private-sector energy companies to open markets for innovative energy technologies such as battery storage, advanced nuclear, enhanced geothermal power, and AI-enabled energy efficient industrial processes and development of energy-related critical minerals; work with utilities to offer consumer incentives for energy-efficient products that lower energy bills and support grid optimization strategies; and partner with fuel providers and utilities to plan for and respond to energy emergencies resulting from natural disasters and well as cybersecurity threats. Finally, states use SEP funds to support "powering up the grid" to meet historic electricity demand through the streamlining of planning, permitting, and siting in support of new generation and transmission. A study by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory found that for every federal SEP dollar invested over \$7 in energy savings are achieved, and almost \$11 in non-federal funds are leveraged for energy modernization and economic development.

Please sign-on via [QUILL](#). If you have any questions, please contact Brendan Larkin (Brendan.Larkin@mail.house.gov) in my office.

Sincerely,

Paul D. Tonko
Member of Congress

NASCSP Federal Advocacy – **Program Authorization**

Pending Legislation – **House WAP** Reauthorization

- **Weatherization Enhancement & Readiness Act of 2025** (Tonko, Lawler, H.R. 1355)
 - Committee Report released February 4
 - Congressional Budget Office Score: **\$0**
 - **Push for a floor vote via suspension**
- **Q1 2026 NASCS Advocacy**
 - **January-March 2026: 22** total meetings in support of WAP
 - 11 with state offices (UT, KY, WA, PA)
 - 3 with CAAs (OH, ND; IN slated)
 - 1 training center (MT)
 - 4 additional meetings slated through the end of the month (UT x2, IN, OH)

H.R. 1355, Weatherization Enhancement and Readiness Act of 2025			
As ordered reported by the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on December 3, 2025			
By Fiscal Year, Millions of Dollars	2026	2026-2030	2026-2035
Direct Spending (Outlays)	0	0	0
Revenues	0	0	0
Increase or Decrease (-) in the Deficit	0	0	0

Pending Legislation – Senate WAP Reauthorization

- 2 bill package:
 - Weatherization Assistance Program Improvements Act of 2025 (Reed, Collins, S. 1342)
 - Energy Savings and Weatherization Reauthorization Act of 2025 (Coons, Collins, S. 2570)

United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 19, 2025

The Honorable Mike Lee
Chairman
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Martin Heinrich
Ranking Member
Committee on Energy & Natural Resources
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510


Dear Chairman Lee and Ranking Member Heinrich:


We respectfully request that the Committee hold a hearing on the bipartisan *Energy Savings and Weatherization Reauthorization Act* (S. 2570). This legislation reauthorizes and strengthens the federal government's cornerstone energy efficiency initiative, the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), which for nearly fifty years has helped millions of Americans lower energy costs, improved home safety, and reduce energy waste. We urge the Committee to advance this important bill in the 119th Congress.

The Weatherization Assistance Program has long enjoyed bipartisan support because it delivers measurable benefits nationwide, assisting more than 7 million households since 1976. By improving insulation, sealing windows, and upgrading heating and cooling systems, WAP reduces average annual household energy bills at little to no cost to participants. These upgrades not only save families money, they also improve health and safety, strengthen housing stock, and support local jobs in energy efficiency.

This legislation would extend WAP through 2030 and modernize the program to reflect the market conditions of today. This legislation raises outdated cost limits, doubles the cap on renewable upgrades, and gives the Secretary of Energy flexibility to respond to inflation. By updating these limits and redefining what it means for a home to be "fully weatherized," the legislation ensures that more families can benefit from comprehensive upgrades that permanently reduce energy use. At a time when energy costs are high and families are seeking relief, reauthorizing WAP is a commonsense, bipartisan solution that will reduce bills, create jobs, and advance U.S. energy efficiency.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Jenna Mayhew at Jenna_Mayhew@coons.senate.gov and Megan Bankowski at Megan_Bankowski@coons.senate.gov.


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Thank you!

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NASCSPP Resources & Updates

Thank you, conference planning committee!

Region:	Representative:	State:
Region 1:	Samantha Pearce	New York
Region 2:	Susan Wood	Georgia
Region 3:	Amanda Marcott-Thottunkal	Oklahoma
Region 4:	Clara Castillejos	Minnesota
Region 5:	Jennifer Lewis	Washington





THANK YOU!



**It's
- Almost -
Time**

Reminder of State Planning Resources

- DOE WAP State Plan Submission Timeline Template
- Terms and Conditions Comparison and Compliance Verification Tool
- DOE WAP State Plans

NASCSP Program Year 2025 Formula DOE WAP State Plans Analysis

Optional Budget Categories in PY 2025 DOE Formula State

Category	Number of States	Percentage
Health & Safety	52	99%
Liability Insurance	42	76%
Financial Audits	36	65%
Energy Audits	28	51%
Final Inspections	24	44%
Client Eligibility/Intake	22	40%
Leveraging	7	13%
Subgrantee Leveraging	4	7%
Vehicles & Equipment	2	4%

Program Year 2026 Weatherization Assistance Program State Plan Timeline for July 1st Start Date Grantees

Task	Planned Start Date	Estimate Number of Business Days	Planned Completion Date	Actual Completion Date	Notes
Note to update State Plan with staffing changes	12/01/25	20	12/28/25		
Train new staff on roles and expectation	12/01/25	20	12/28/25		
Provide timeline for all staff assigned tasks	12/01/25	20	12/28/25		
Perform subgrantee risk assessment	01/26/26	15	02/15/26		
Conduct meeting with subgrantees to get input on current practices prior to drafting State Plan	01/26/26	15	02/15/26		
Review carryover projections (if applicable)	01/27/26	5	02/02/26		
Download/Print SAMs/UEI registration for all subgrantees	01/30/26	15	02/19/26		
Update Operations & Policy Manuals (if needed)	10/31/25	30	12/11/25		
Update Training & Technical Assistance Plans (if needed)	11/29/25	20	12/25/25		
Update Monitoring Plans (if needed)	12/20/25	20	01/15/26		
Update Weatherization Readiness Funds plan (if needed)	11/28/25	20	12/25/25		
Draft subaward contracts for review (if needed)	04/02/26	60	06/24/26		

Weatherization Assistance Program Terms and Conditions Annual Comparison and Compliance Verification

Program Year 2024 (PY24) compared to PY25.

Introduction: The purpose of this document is to provide a comparative overview of the annual U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Terms and Conditions. The document also includes compliance recommendations from the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP). It is intended as a reference tool to support programmatic understanding and alignment with DOE standards. The "Internal Location of document(s), if applicable" column is intended as a resource for grantees to include a link to where documentation of term compliance is located. Identifying where to easily access the supporting documentation can assist during monitoring and or audit. It is important for the Grantee to understand all the required Terms and conditions, and for Subgrantees to also understand and maintain compliance. It is also critical to read your specific terms and conditions as some conditions may vary depending on the grantee. Please note that this resource does not constitute legal advice. For specific guidance or clarification, Grantees should consult their DOE Project Officer.

Terms & Conditions (T&C):	No Changes:	Wording Added:	Wording Removed:	Compliance Recommendation:	Internal Location of document(s), if applicable:
Term 1: Legal Authority and Effect	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accept the award in FedConnect.	
Term 2: Flow Down Requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ensure all contracts to subrecipients include all the provisions within the T&C, including citations to 2 CFR 200.101(b)(2) through (b)(5), 2 CFR 200.327, and 2 CFR 200.332.	
Term 3: Compliance with Federal, State and Municipal Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Review what additional state and local laws would apply to all weatherization work. Ensure that local laws and codes are included in weatherization policy and procedure manuals, as well as in subrecipient agreements.	
Term 4: Inconsistency with Federal Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Review the T&C's and if there are any differences between the T&C and the CFR, inform the Department of Energy (DOE).	



- Tips, Tricks and all the Other things you never knew Red Could do, Part II: Slides and Recording
- NASCSP Fiscal Open Office Hours, Member-Only Slides
- Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Final State Plan Modification Strategies for Success: Slides and Recording



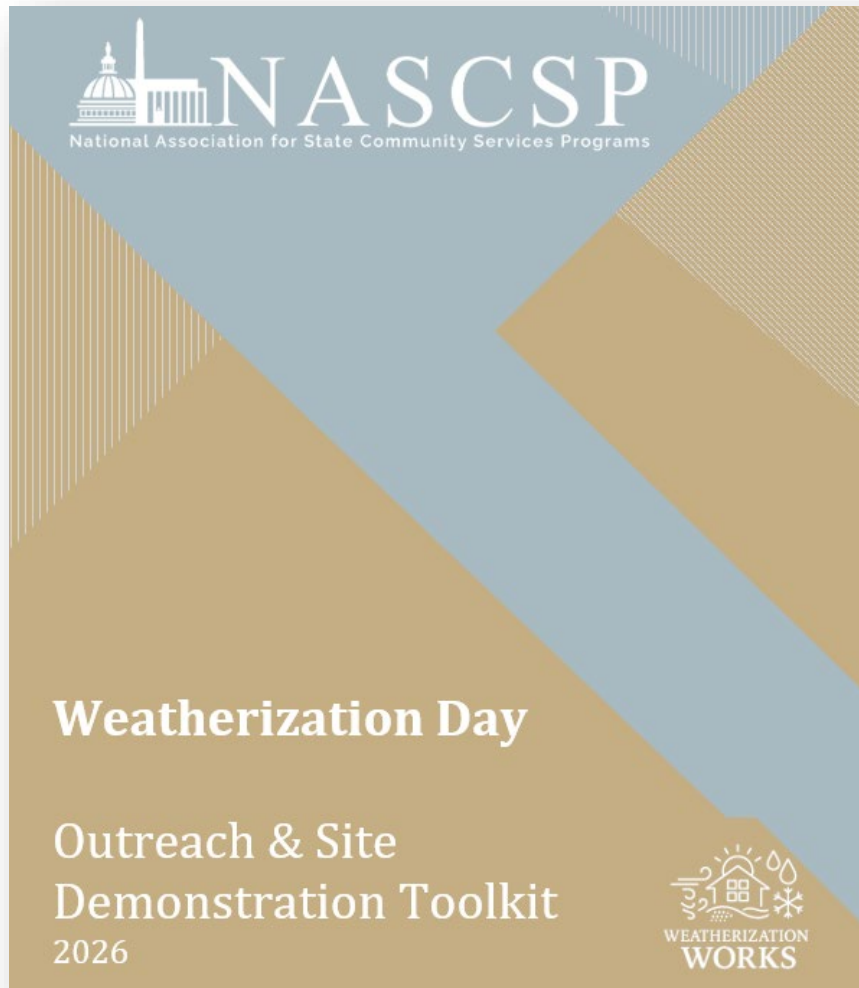
**IN CASE
YOU
MISSED IT**

Upcoming WAP Webinars

- 3/25/26 NASCSP Open Office Hours: Financial Resources, [click here](#) to register
- 3/31/26 Spend and Production tracking tool for grantees, [click here](#) to register
- TBD: LCP Tracker Quick Start Guide
- TBD: Financial Training Coaching Series
- NASCSP presenting at NHPC, NEUAC and Energy Outwest



50th Anniversary and Weatherization Day Planning



- August 14th marks 50 years of Weatherization
- Begin planning now for community events
- **Coming soon** from NASCSP: Weatherization Day Toolkit and Storytelling Resources



Call for workforce stories

Careers in Weatherization Success Stories

Do you want to share your WAP
Workforce career story?

Complete this easy form to be
featured in upcoming blogs and
social media posts celebrating
careers in weatherization!



Reminder: IIJA Resource Reminder

Weatherization at Work: How the WAP Workforce Changes Lives

Hear directly from dedicated weatherization professionals as they share how the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP):

- improves lives
- lowers energy bills
- strengthens communities



POLL: When do you expect to submit your final IIJA Budget Modification?

- Already submitted – awaiting approval
- Planning to submit within 30 days
- By June 2026
- By September 2026
- By December 2026
- 2027 or later



IIJA Final Budget Modification Tracking

- To better understand where states are in the process, NASCSP has created a **tracking sheet for final IIJA budget modifications**.
- The tracker helps us monitor:
 - When states **submit their final IIJA budget modification to DOE**
 - When **DOE Project Officer approval** is received
 - When **DOE FAO approval** is completed
- This allows us to:
 - Identify where states are in the process
 - Track approval timelines
 - Better understand where additional support may be helpful

1	IIJA Final Budget Modification Tracking Sheet			
2	State Name	Date Final Budget Mod Submitted to DOE	Project Officer Approval Date	DOE FAO Approval Date
3	Alabama			
4	Alaska			
5	Arizona			
6	Arkansas			
7	California			
8	Colorado	Ready to submit. 1/20/2026 told by PO to wait		
9	Connecticut			
10	Delaware			
11	Washington, D.C.			
12	Florida			
13	Georgia			
14	Hawaii			
15	Idaho			
16	Illinois			
17	Indiana			
18	Iowa			
19	Kansas			
20	Kentucky			
21	Louisiana			
22	Maine			
23	Maryland			
24	Massachusetts			
25	Michigan			
26	Minnesota			
27	Mississippi			
28	Missouri			
29	Montana			
30	Nebraska			
31	Nevada			
32	New Hampshire			
33	New Jersey			
34	New Mexico			
35	New York			
36	North Carolina			

WAP Workforce Development Technical Assistance

NASCSP will continue the WAP Workforce Development Open Office meetings that have been hosted by IREC over the last couple of years.

What you can expect:

- Monthly calls with topics and talking points for WAP workforce development
- Open conversations and Q/A sessions
- We will be joined by national partners and guest speakers throughout the series
- **[Register here!](#)**





NASCSP Working Group Updates



Workforce Development Working Group

- WDWG on “vacation” while working through recent resources
- Finalizing Workforce Resources on succession planning and contractor engagement
- Planning for conference sessions at BPA NHPC 2026





IIJA Implementation Working Group

Supporting state implementation and peer collaboration

IIJA Implementation Webinar Delivered

Focused on implementation milestones and supporting states in IIJA planning and execution

Moving to Quarterly Conversations

Future discussions will focus on emerging implementation needs and challenges

Help Shape Upcoming Resources

Share ideas on tools, guidance, or topics the working group should prioritize





Multifamily Working Group

- The group has been discussing how to implement multifamily projects successfully for both Formula and IIJA.
- Based on discussions and feedback from the group, **NASCSP has created a Multifamily Quick Start Toolkit** to assist grantees with projects.
- The Toolkit is with DOE for approval.
- The hope is to release the toolkit before the end of the year.





**National Partner
Updates**

*NEW Grantee Spotlight Pages

- [California](#)
- [Indiana](#)
- [Maryland](#)
- [Mississippi](#)
- [Massachusetts](#)
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GreenWorkforceConnect.org

NEW: Weatherization Career Map

- New interactive tool highlighting career paths within the Weatherization Assistance Program
- Highlights meaningful entry points into the residential energy efficiency industry
- Great for prospective hires, contractors, and current staff exploring growth opportunities

<https://explore.greenworkforceconnect.org/resource-hub/career-pathways-for-home-energy-professionals-in-the-weatherization-assistance-program>



Energy OutWest Conference Info



Save the Date!

AUGUST 17 - 21, 2026
PHOENIX | ARIZONA

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- Network with professionals nationwide
- Learn climate-specific energy solutions
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National Home Performance Conference & Trade Show

April 13-16, 2026 | Columbus, Ohio

For four decades, the National Home Performance Conference has been a launching pad for ideas, partnerships, and real progress in home performance, weatherization, and healthy housing. This milestone year is about more than looking back—it's about building on the momentum we've created together and shaping the future.

Join us in Columbus in 2026 as thousands of contractors, weatherization professionals, healthy homes experts, trainers, program administrators, energy auditors, and others in residential energy efficiency gather for the latest industry education and networking.

National Home Performance Conference & Trade Show | BPA



A nighttime photograph of a city skyline, featuring the Space Needle on the left. The buildings are illuminated with various colors, and the sky is dark blue. A large white graphic element, resembling a stylized star or a four-pointed shape, is overlaid on the right side of the image. A white rectangular box is positioned in the upper right corner, containing the text '2026 NEUAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE' in red, bold, sans-serif font.

2026 NEUAC ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Annual Conference | NEUAC

National Community Action Partnership Updates

- [2026 National Community Action Partnership \(NCAP\) Annual Convention Call for Sessions Survey](#)
- [NCAP Energy Partnership Weatherization Webinar Series Registration - Zoom](#)





CALLING ALL WEATHERIZATION PROFESSIONALS

**2026 WAPPro Weatherization Leadership Development Institute
Now Enrolling!**

Applications are now open for a unique and focused leadership development opportunity. Are you currently a crew member, crew leader, intake specialist, or other member of your Weatherization team? Do you aspire to future advancement in this important industry? If so, consider applying to the WAPPro cohort.

For more information contact Keesha M. Johnson, Project Director,
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Meetings run from June-November 2026 including in-person and virtual meetings.



Federal Updates



2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines Available



NASCSP | NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

Membership Update

2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines Now Available

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) annually revises the Federal Poverty Guidelines and publishes that update in the [Federal Register](#). On January 13, 2026, HHS published the [2026 Federal Poverty Guidelines](#). Grantees may begin using the 2026 federal poverty guidelines for determining client eligibility immediately. HHS has also made available a chart showing the different multiples of the poverty guidelines for 2026 in both [Excel](#) and [PDF](#).

As you begin applying the updated guidelines, please remember that [Weatherization Program Notice \(WPN\) 25-3](#) remains in effect and is the appropriate reference for guidance on program income definitions and requirements. Although WPN 25-3 specifies the poverty thresholds for 2025, the guidelines regarding income determination, allowable sources, calculation methods remain in effect.

If you have any questions or need additional support in implementing the updated guidelines, please feel free to reach out to [NASCSP](#). If you have specific questions regarding the definition of income, please contact your assigned U.S. Department of Energy Project Officer.

Thank you for your continued partnership and commitment to serving households through the Weatherization Assistance Program.

- [Weatherization Program Notice 25-3: Federal Poverty Guidelines and Definition of Income](#) continues to provide guidance for income definition and requirements.
- [Federal Register Notice and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines](#)
- [Excel Version](#)
- [PDF Version](#)

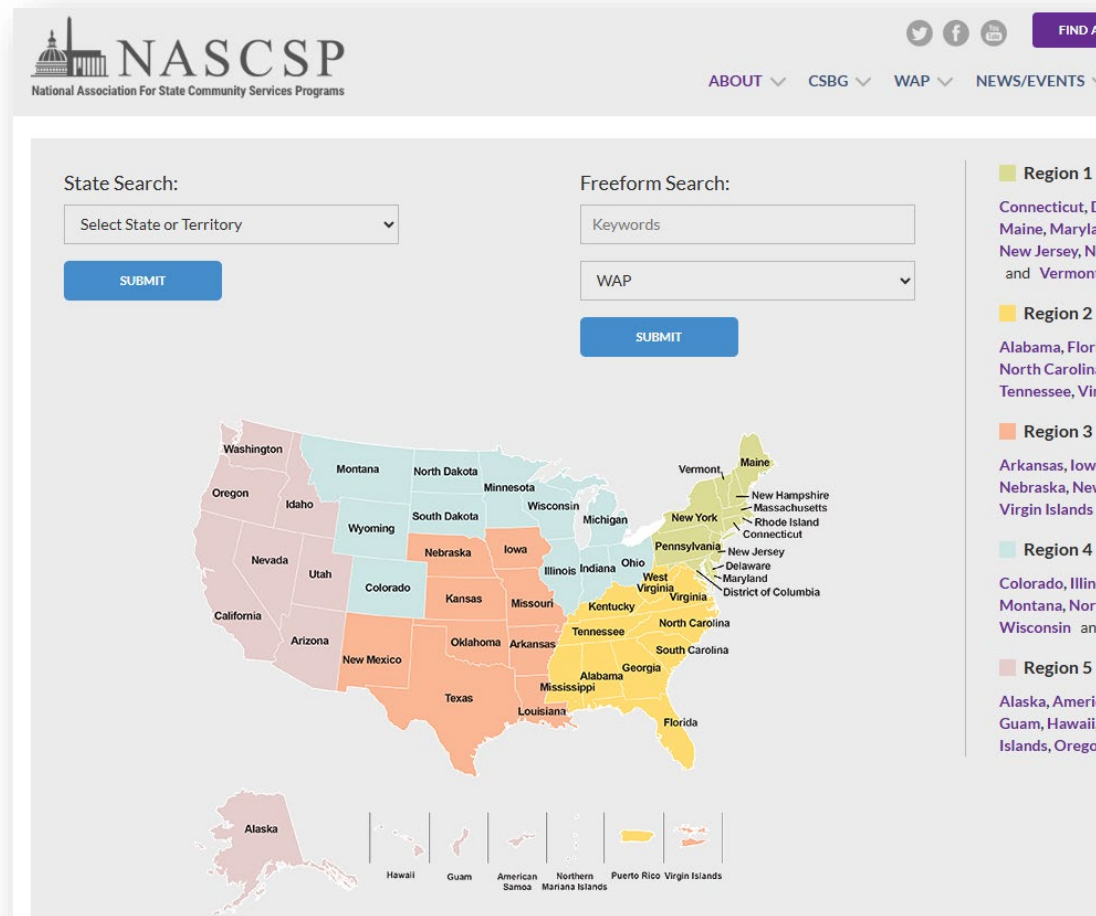


Poll: Which WAP policy areas would you most like DOE to revisit or clarify?

- A. Utility bill review requirements for multifamily projects**
Clarifying requirements for obtaining and analyzing utility consumption data.
- B. Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR) calculation policies**
Flexibility or updates to how SIR is calculated for measures or buildings.
- C. Administrative and reporting requirements**
Reducing or simplifying documentation, monitoring, and reporting expectations.
- D. Multifamily weatherization guidance**
Policies affecting building eligibility, treatment thresholds, or project approvals.
- E. Workforce and contractor requirements**
Training, certification, or workforce development policies.
- F. Energy audit tools and approved measure lists**
Updates or flexibility related to audit tools, modeling assumptions, or allowable measures.
- G. Other**
Please share in the chat or email NASCSP.



Reminder: Review Contact Information on NASCSP Webpage



- Review the members' only resources for state contact information
- Email us at: NASCSPGeneral@nascsp.org if you have any changes or additional staff that should be listed.



Samantha Pearce (NY) NASCSPP Board, WAP Chair

- WAP Chair Updates
 - Mike Li-Next meeting with NASCSPP WAP Board scheduled for 4/28/26
- OPEN Discussion



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