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May 24, 2022

The Honorable Karen Umberger, Chairman
Fiscal Committee of the General Court
and

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu,
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

- I. Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the N.H. Department of Energy (Energy), to accept and expend federal funds in the amount of \$108,830 from the US Department of Energy Weatherization Program, to assist with management of the state's Low Income Weatherization Program efforts effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

Funds are to be budgeted in account 02-52-52-520010-33560000, Department of Energy- Policy and Programs - Low Income Weatherization Program, as follows:

| 02-52-52-520010-33560000 Low Income Weatherization | | | | | |
|--|---------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Class | Account | Description | FY23 Current Budget | Change | FY23 Adjusted Budget |
| REVENUE | | | | | |
| 000 | 400571 | FEDERAL FUNDS | \$2,162,429 | \$108,830 | \$2,271,259 |
| EXPENSES | | | | | |
| 010 | 500100 | PERSONAL SERVICES PERM CLAS | \$57,509 | \$0 | \$57,509 |
| 017 | 500147 | FT EMPLOYEES SPECIAL PAYMEN | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| 020 | 500200 | CURRENT EXPENSES | \$4,400 | \$500 | \$4,900 |
| 026 | 500251 | ORGANIZATIONAL DUES | \$3,000 | \$0 | \$3,000 |
| 037 | 500173 | TECHNOLOGY HARDWARE | \$0 | \$3,000 | \$3,000 |
| 039 | 500179 | TELECOMMUNICATIONS | \$1,400 | \$0 | \$1,400 |
| 040 | 500800 | INDIRECT COSTS | \$34,786 | \$22,678 | \$57,464 |
| 041 | 500801 | AUDIT FUND SET ASIDE | \$2,163 | \$108 | \$2,271 |

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| 042 | 500620 | ADDITIONAL FRINGE BENEFITS | \$7,649 | \$4,945 | \$12,594 |
| 050 | 500109 | PERSONAL SERVICE TEMP APOI | \$10,000 | \$0 | \$10,000 |
| 059 | 500117 | TEMP FULL TIME | \$0 | \$43,622 | \$43,622 |
| 060 | 500631 | BENEFITS | \$36,880 | \$30,977 | \$67,857 |
| 070 | 500704 | IN STATE TRAVEL REIMBURSEME | \$2,142 | \$1,000 | \$3,142 |
| 074 | 500587 | GRANTS FOR PUB ASST AND REL | \$1,909,700 | \$0 | \$1,909,700 |
| 080 | 500710 | OUT OF STATE TRAVEL REIMB | \$7,800 | \$2,000 | \$9,800 |
| 102 | 500731 | CONTRACTS FOR PROGRAM SERVI | \$75,000 | \$0 | \$75,000 |
| | | Total | \$2,162,429 | \$108,830 | \$2,271,259 |

2. Contingent upon the approval of Requested Action #1, and pursuant to RSA 124:15, authorize the Department of Energy to establish one (1) temporary full-time Program Specialist II, position 9T3239, within the budget class 059 (Full-Time Temporary) effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. 100% Federal Funds.

EXPLANATION

This request is to create one temporary full-time position to assist with the management of the state's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). This program assists low-income Granite Staters weatherize their homes utilizing federal funds from a formula grant from the US Department of Energy. It is worth noting that this program is separate from and independent of the state's NHSaves program, which is funded through the system benefits charge and managed by the state's utilities.

Currently, the Department only has a single employee working on this program, who manages roughly \$2,000,000 a year in federal funds. To the best of the Department's knowledge, New Hampshire has the smallest number of full-time employees, or full-time employee equivalents working on this program in the nation, even in smaller states. While this lean structure was manageable in the past, federal reporting requirements have grown in volume and complexity have rendered this structure no longer workable. Funding for this full-time temporary position is available through the state's regular formula allocation to fund this position, with no General Fund match required.

It is anticipated that the State will also receive roughly \$18.2 million in additional formula funding for WAP, with an application due October 1, 2022. If approved, this full-time temporary position will assist in that application process, the operationalizing of those funds, as well as the day-to-day operation of the program in general, including compliance with the enhanced federal reporting requirements. This additional position will allow for greater efficiencies and better stewardship and oversight of grant funds.

The funds are to be budgeted as follows:

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Class 020 - Current Expense, will be used to purchase consumable supplies.
Class 037 -Technology Hardware, will be used to purchase pc/laptop for the Program Specialist II.
Class 040 – Indirect Costs, will be expensed to recover indirect cost expenses to include SWCAP expenses related to this grant.
Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside, will be used for the required Audit Fund Set Aside.
Class 042 - Post-Retirement, will be used to pay quarterly Post Retirement as invoiced.
Class 059 - Personal Services-Perm Class, will be used to pay the salary of the Program Specialist II.
Class 060 - Benefits, will be used to pay benefits for the Program Specialist II.
Class 070 - In-State Travel, will be used to pay travel within the State.
Class 080 - Out-Of-State Travel, will be used to pay travel outside the State for required conference attendance by the Program Specialist II.

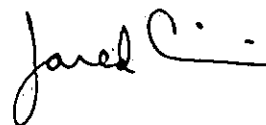
The following information is provided in accordance with the comptroller's instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981:

1. List of personnel involved. One (1) new full time-temporary position titled Program Specialist II
2. Nature, Need and Duration. The Program Specialist II will assist the WAP manager in the general day-to-day operation of the program, the application for the future formula grant, and the operationalizing of those funds, and meeting federal reporting requirements. The Department will evaluate the continued need for the position beyond the current biennium.
3. Relationship to existing agency programs. This position will join the existing Weatherization Assistance Program.
4. Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied? No.
5. Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request? The Department of Energy was not in existence during the last agency phase of the budget process. In addition, the Building Infrastructure Law (BIL), which included both increased funding and the enhanced reporting requirements had not been acted upon by Congress.
6. Can portions of the grant funds be utilized? Yes, personnel costs are an allowable use of these funds.
7. Estimate the funds required to continue this position? \$108,830 per year.

In the event that federal funds are no longer available, general funds will not be requested to support this program.

Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner

Department of Energy
Fiscal Situation
Low Income Weatherization
02-52-52-520010-33560000

Funding Information:

| <u>Federal Grant #</u> | <u>Granting Agency</u> | <u>Grant Period</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Grant # DE-EE0009916 | US Dept. of Energy | 07-01-2022 – 06-30-2023 |

| <u>Grant PY Year</u> | <u>Grant Period</u> | <u>Grant Amount</u> | <u>Carryforward (Est)</u> |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| WAP PY22 | 07/01/22 - 06/30/23 | \$2,029,851 | \$241,408 |

Federal Funds Available: \$2,271,259

Less Current Authorized FY23 Budget: \$2,162,429

Total Available for Budgeting: \$108,830

Available to Budget at a Later Date: \$0.00

REQUESTED ACTION: \$108,830



Department of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 22-2
ISSUED DATE: MARCH 23, 2022

SUBJECT: PROGRAM YEAR 2022 GRANTEE ALLOCATIONS

INTENDED AUDIENCE: Weatherization Grantee Managers, Weatherization Subgrantee Managers

PURPOSE: To provide Grantee allocations for the preparation and submission of applications for funding of the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for Program Year (PY) 2022.

SCOPE: The provisions of this guidance apply to all Grantees applying for financial assistance under the Department of Energy (DOE) WAP.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended, authorizes DOE to administer the WAP (42 U.S.C. § 6861 *et seq.*). All grant awards made under this program shall comply with applicable law and regulations including the WAP Regulations contained in 10 CFR Part 440.

PROCEDURES: On March 15, 2022, the President signed into law: H.R. 2471, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022, which provides fiscal year (FY) 2022 full-year appropriations through September 30, 2022. Under this Act the WAP was appropriated \$313,000,000, to include \$18,780,000 to be made available to current WAP grant recipients via the Weatherization Enhancement & Innovation Program (E&I) for innovation; \$1,000,000 to develop and implement strategies to treat harmful substances, including vermiculite; and \$3,000,000 was authorized for Community Scale Pilot Project (CSPP) Grants. DOE will send out instructions on CSPP funding opportunity under a separate memo.

Additionally, at this appropriation level, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (EISA) authorizes the Secretary of Energy to make funding available for Sustainable Energy Resources for Consumers (SERC) Grants. Therefore, DOE will reduce the amount being distributed to the Grantees by \$6,260,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. DOE will send out instructions on SERC funding opportunity under a separate memo. Once the Secretary determines how much, if any, will be distributed under SERC, any remaining funds not used for SERC will be distributed through formula. Total funds being made available to Grantees for distribution through the formula in FY 2022 is \$283,040,000.

Remaining actions include \$6,000,000 to be used for Headquarters T&TA and an additional \$15,000,000 authorized for Weatherization Readiness Funds (WRF). WRF are designated for use by Grantees in addressing structural and health and safety issues. This funding is anticipated to reduce the frequency of deferred homes that require other services, outside the scope of weatherization, before the weatherization measures can be installed. These WRF funds are allocated to Grantees using the T&TA distribution model. Additional requirements, including details surrounding budgeting, reporting, and tracking will be distributed to Grantees and Subgrantees through an additional guidance document.

The final Grantee allocations included in this Notice are to be used in conjunction with WPN 22-1 entitled Program Year 2022 Weatherization Grant Application, with its two attachments: 1) Administrative and Legal Requirements Document; and 2) Application Instructions, in developing the annual Grant application for PY 2022.

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Director

Weatherization and Intergovernmental Programs Office
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Weatherization Assistance Program**Estimated FY2022 State Allocations @ \$283,040,000 plus \$15,000,000 Readiness Fund**

| State | FY 2022 Program Allocation | FY 2022 T&TA Allocation | FY 2022 Total Allocation | FY 2022 Readiness Fund |
|----------------------|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Alabama | \$2,583,728 | \$567,082 | \$3,150,810 | \$184,991 |
| Alaska | \$1,771,313 | \$404,493 | \$2,175,806 | \$142,545 |
| Arizona | \$1,730,452 | \$396,316 | \$2,126,768 | \$140,410 |
| Arkansas | \$2,066,007 | \$463,470 | \$2,529,477 | \$157,942 |
| California | \$6,904,248 | \$1,431,748 | \$8,335,996 | \$410,724 |
| Colorado | \$5,501,226 | \$1,150,961 | \$6,652,187 | \$337,420 |
| Connecticut | \$2,801,836 | \$610,732 | \$3,412,568 | \$196,386 |
| Delaware | \$610,073 | \$172,094 | \$782,167 | \$81,874 |
| District of Columbia | \$582,691 | \$166,614 | \$749,305 | \$80,444 |
| Florida | \$2,693,151 | \$588,981 | \$3,282,132 | \$190,708 |
| Georgia | \$3,554,198 | \$761,302 | \$4,315,500 | \$235,695 |
| Hawaii | \$191,853 | \$88,396 | \$280,249 | \$60,024 |
| Idaho | \$1,980,525 | \$446,363 | \$2,426,888 | \$153,476 |
| Illinois | \$13,702,891 | \$2,792,362 | \$16,495,253 | \$765,930 |
| Indiana | \$6,911,038 | \$1,433,107 | \$8,344,145 | \$411,078 |
| Iowa | \$4,865,341 | \$1,023,702 | \$5,889,043 | \$304,198 |
| Kansas | \$2,541,967 | \$558,724 | \$3,100,691 | \$182,809 |
| Kentucky | \$4,605,593 | \$971,718 | \$5,577,311 | \$290,627 |
| Louisiana | \$1,534,097 | \$357,019 | \$1,891,116 | \$130,151 |
| Maine | \$3,080,422 | \$666,485 | \$3,746,907 | \$210,942 |
| Maryland | \$2,865,339 | \$623,441 | \$3,488,780 | \$199,704 |
| Massachusetts | \$6,651,196 | \$1,381,105 | \$8,032,301 | \$397,502 |
| Michigan | \$15,852,341 | \$3,222,532 | \$19,074,873 | \$878,231 |
| Minnesota | \$9,719,364 | \$1,995,138 | \$11,714,502 | \$557,804 |
| Mississippi | \$1,650,736 | \$380,362 | \$2,031,098 | \$136,245 |
| Missouri | \$6,107,972 | \$1,272,390 | \$7,380,362 | \$369,121 |
| Montana | \$2,440,608 | \$538,439 | \$2,979,047 | \$177,513 |
| Nebraska | \$2,472,488 | \$544,819 | \$3,017,307 | \$179,179 |
| Nevada | \$1,087,265 | \$267,595 | \$1,354,860 | \$106,806 |
| New Hampshire | \$1,540,951 | \$358,391 | \$1,899,342 | \$130,509 |
| New Jersey | \$5,496,875 | \$1,150,091 | \$6,646,966 | \$337,193 |
| New Mexico | \$1,939,660 | \$438,185 | \$2,377,845 | \$151,341 |
| New York | \$20,954,660 | \$4,243,660 | \$25,198,320 | \$1,144,810 |
| North Carolina | \$4,651,605 | \$980,927 | \$5,632,532 | \$293,031 |

2,029,851
NH Total

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|----------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|
| North Dakota | \$2,366,276 | \$523,563 | \$2,889,839 | \$173,630 |
| Ohio | \$13,988,605 | \$2,849,542 | \$16,838,147 | \$780,857 |
| Oklahoma | \$2,680,860 | \$586,521 | \$3,267,381 | \$190,066 |
| Oregon | \$2,898,421 | \$630,062 | \$3,528,483 | \$201,433 |
| Pennsylvania | \$15,045,333 | \$3,061,025 | \$18,106,358 | \$836,068 |
| Rhode Island | \$1,166,530 | \$283,458 | \$1,449,988 | \$110,947 |
| South Carolina | \$1,988,195 | \$447,898 | \$2,436,093 | \$153,876 |
| South Dakota | \$1,820,850 | \$414,407 | \$2,235,257 | \$145,133 |
| Tennessee | \$4,518,938 | \$954,376 | \$5,473,314 | \$286,099 |
| Texas | \$6,532,389 | \$1,357,328 | \$7,889,717 | \$391,295 |
| Utah | \$2,100,447 | \$470,363 | \$2,570,810 | \$159,741 |
| Vermont | \$1,294,046 | \$308,978 | \$1,603,024 | \$117,610 |
| Virginia | \$4,261,446 | \$902,844 | \$5,164,290 | \$272,646 |
| Washington | \$4,660,923 | \$982,791 | \$5,643,714 | \$293,517 |
| West Virginia | \$3,109,146 | \$672,234 | \$3,781,380 | \$212,442 |
| Wisconsin | \$8,862,489 | \$1,823,652 | \$10,686,141 | \$513,035 |
| Wyoming | \$1,101,358 | \$270,415 | \$1,371,773 | \$107,542 |

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| American Samoa | \$133,102 | \$76,639 | \$209,741 | \$56,954 |
| Guam | \$143,096 | \$78,638 | \$221,734 | \$57,476 |
| Puerto Rico | \$906,347 | \$231,387 | \$1,137,734 | \$97,354 |
| Northern Mariana Islands | \$134,994 | \$77,016 | \$212,010 | \$57,053 |
| Virgin Islands | \$150,499 | \$80,119 | \$230,618 | \$57,863 |

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| Total | \$233,508,000 | \$49,532,000 | \$283,040,000 | \$15,000,000 |
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| Northern Arapaho Grant: | \$94,068 | \$23,096 | \$117,164 | \$10,043 |
| Wyoming (adjusted) | \$1,007,290 | \$247,319 | \$1,254,609 | \$97,499 |

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|-------------|--------------|
| HQ T&TA | \$6,000,000 |
| CSPP | \$3,000,000 |
| Innovation | \$18,780,000 |
| SERC | \$6,260,000 |
| Vermiculite | \$1,000,000 |

Note: The proposed FY 2022 appropriation is above the threshold that triggers changes to the allocation formula mandated by the interim final rule published on June 5, 1995, in the Federal Register, Volume 60, No. 107, Pages 29469-29481.