

# NOTICE

## Department of Community and Economic Development Weatherization Assistance Program's Proposed State Plan

The Department of Community and Economic Development (Department) publishes notice of a public hearing to be held electronically, via web/conference call on Wednesday, April 22, 2020. In accordance with Governor Wolf's emergency disaster declaration and based on advice from the Department of Health regarding the mitigation of the spread of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), this public hearing will only be held virtually via the method listed. There will be **no** in person opportunity to attend the hearing.

The public hearing via the web/conference call will be held at 3:00 p.m. and will last as long as there are comments to be received. This more widely available computer access/conference call will replace the on-site public hearing. The format will be more accessible than an in-person meeting because those who wish to make comment may participate directly from their electronic device, telephone, or computer. Access information can be found at the end of this notice.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments on the proposed Pennsylvania (PA) 2020-2021 annually appropriated U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) State Plan.

The proposed 2020-2021 State Plan will authorize the formula-based distribution for each county. Specific performance goals emphasize production, quality of the work product, prompt, accurate and complete reporting, and compliance with program standards and regulations.

The State Plan includes the following changes:

- Provisions for the 2019-20 unspent funds and extension to spend such funds due to production shutdown during the current COVID-19 pandemic
- Two agencies, Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation, Inc. and Greater Erie Community Action Committee are discontinuing weatherization services to their service areas (Philadelphia and Erie City, respectively) and consequently other weatherization agencies will be providing services to those areas
- A plan of work to receive DOE approval of Multi-Family Weatherization Processes to include a multi-family audit tool and finalized policy and procedures
- Minor changes in weatherization procedures to include: revisions to the Complaints/Appeals policy, a review of the State monitoring procedures, and minor operational adjustments to the Training/Technical Assistance and Health and Safety Plans

There is a continued national focus on coordination of efforts where other health and safety, lead-abatement, utility weatherization, and housing rehab services are coordinated locally with weatherization services.

Copies of the proposed 2020-21 DOE WAP State Plan may be obtained beginning April 10, 2020, by contacting the Department of Community and Economic Development, Center for Community Services, by phone at (717) 425-7597 or it can be downloaded from the Department's web site at [www.dced.pa.gov](http://www.dced.pa.gov). Written comments may be submitted electronically to [ra-wxmail@pa.gov](mailto:ra-wxmail@pa.gov) until 5 p.m. on April 22, 2020.

There is no registration, but you may join the meeting directly using the following methods:

**To join this public hearing electronically**  
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Go to:

[Join online meeting](#) - Connect to Skype for Business

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Join by phone

Toll number: +1 (267) 332-8737, 333532533# (Dial-in Numbers)

Conference ID: 333532533

The hearing will be shortened if there is no one to testify or there is minimal response.

Persons with a disability who wish to participate in this hearing should contact Yvonne Adams at (717) 425-7597 to discuss how the Department may accommodate their needs.

Dennis Davin  
Secretary