NOTICE

PA 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 20, 2022. 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 1:00 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) 2022-2023 annually appropriated U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) State Plan.

The proposed 2022-2023 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:

- A plan to review PA’s options due to delays in the availability of the WAP Assistant, NEAT and MHEA energy audit tools and to receive DOE approval of the Home Energy Audit Processes, Policies and Procedures to include an energy audit tool for single family and manufactured housing.
- Multi-family policies and procedures as well as audit tool research will continue to be explored to move forward for DOE approval
- The name change of subgrantee Scranton/Lackawanna Human Development Agency to Agency on Community EmPOWERment of NEPA.
- Categorical Eligibility will have two additional categories: LIHEAP and HUD means-tested Programs. Already categorically eligible: Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and TANF
- The DOE Weatherization Service Provider Allocation formula has been changed to reflect the recommendations of the Allocation Committee. Poverty and Heating Degree Day data has been updated, a base amount using the legacy allocation formula is utilized and a new category of energy burden has been added.
- Reworkerization language updates based on DOE language clarification regarding weatherization with other federal funds. PA will continue to define both LIHEAP and DOE completed units as weatherized, and those units cannot be weatherized until 15 years after original weatherization completion date.
• Health and Safety Plan updates to include utilizing a new DOE Health and Safety Template, repairing or replacing existing Air-Cooling systems for vulnerable citizens, a DOE-developed Deferral Tracking Spreadsheet will be provided and required.
• T/TA Plan updates to include a plan to provide reimbursement for direct hire and subcontractors’ attendance in Home Energy Professional and required trainings.
• Diversity, equity and inclusion language to include current trainings which are provided, and other activities conducted at the Grantee/State level and suggestions for subgrantees

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 2022-2023 DOE WAP State Plan may be obtained beginning April 8, 2022, 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. Written comments may be submitted electronically to ra-wxmail@pa.gov until 5 p.m. on April 20, 2022.

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

**To join this public hearing electronically, please go to:**
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Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

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**Or call in (audio only)**

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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.

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