WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Arizona Department of Housing

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Program Purpose



Funding Flow



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PROGRAM PURPOSE

- Energy efficiency retrofit of residences of income qualified households at or below 200% of Poverty as determined by DOE annually.
- Eligible property types include:
 - > single family residential (block, stick or manufactured) and
 - > rental units (with conditions).
- > Reduces energy burden on resources and household finances.
- > Improves household energy efficiency, health and safety.

FLOW OF FUNDS

- ► ADOH Weatherization is funded with 3 sources:
 - Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP): Department of Energy (DOE) - Annual Allocation 7/1 to 6/30
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Weatherization (LIHEAPwx): Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) -Annual Allocation (through an ISA with AzDES/DAAS) 7/1 - 6/30
 - Southwest Gas Corporation (SWG) Annual Allocation (amount determined by Az. Corp. Commission) 1/1 - 12/31

- (WAP) Annual Allocation from DOE
 - ► Fixed Base allocation for each state PLUS:
 - ► Formula allocation that considers:
 - ▶ % of low-income resident population for the state
 - Climatic conditions (number of heating and cooling degree-days)
 - ▶ Residential Energy expenditures by low-income households.







- ► ADOH must apply annually to receive our allocation.
 - ► Can only contract with units of local government, non-profits or community action agencies.
 - ▶ Must provide weatherization services throughout the entire state.
 - Current provider network consists of 10 Sub-grantees.
 - Funds allocated to Sub-grantees by ADOH formula that considers population and poverty statistics in the Sub-grantees service area.

CAHRA (Pinal County)	CITY OF PHOENIX
GILA COUNTY	MARICOPA COUNTY
MesaCAN (City of Mesa)	NACOG (Apache, Coconino, Navajo, Yavapai Counties)
PIMA COUNTY (outside of City of Tucson)	SEACAP (Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Santa Cruz Counties)
FSL (City of Tucson)	WACOG (La Paz, Mohave, Yuma Counties)

- LIHEAPwx Annual Allocation from Az Dept. of Economic Security
 - ► ISA with DES to Administer the LIHEAP weatherization dollars only
 - ► Same 10 Sub-grantee provider Network
 - ► ADOH Formula for Sub-grantee awards follows same methodology as the DOE funds

- SWG annual allocation that runs on calendar year Jan -Dec.
 - ► Same Sub-grantee provider network with the exception of NACOG region (No SWG clients)
 - ► Funding Distribution Methodology determined by SWG

DELIVERABLES

- ► WAP FFY21
 - Award \$3,532,014 (includes FFY20 Carryover of \$1.4M)
 - ▶ \$106,600 to State Administration
 - ▶ \$198,605 to State Technical Assistance/Monitoring
 - > \$3,226,809 to Sub-grantee Providers to weatherize units.
 - ► ACPU (Average Cost Per Unit) \$7,776
 - ► Anticipate assisting 354 households



- LIHEAPwx FFY21
 - Award \$4,458,733
 - ▶ \$178,348 for State Administration
 - ▶ \$4,280,385 to Sub-grantee providers to weatherize units
 - ► ACPU \$10,000
 - ► Anticipate assisting 541 households



- ► SWG Calendar 2021
 - Award \$427,000
 - ▶ \$21,350 to State Administration
 - ▶ \$13,620 to State Technical Assistance and Monitoring
 - ▶ \$329,029 to Sub-grantee provider network to weatherize SWG client homes.
 - Maximum investment per unit is \$3,000 for efficiencies and \$10% for administration.
 - Anticipate assisting 120 households. (As of June 30, 90 clients served)

CHALLENGES

- Weatherization funds cannot be used to make general repairs to units i.e roofing, electrical, plumbing, this causes deferrals of units not in good enough condition to weatherize.
- ▶ Limited administrative dollars provided by funding sources.
- Number of contractors eligible and willing to work in weatherization.
- Number of certified QCI
- ▶ DOE energy efficiencies can only be installed if it meets 1:1 SIR
- ▶ Staff Retention at the Sub-grantee level.
- Increased funding





STRATEGIES

Performance based contracting with Sub-grantees



► Aligned DOE and LIHEAP 200% of Poverty



Approved by AzDES to increase rolling average LIHEAP investment to \$10K

► Movement of funds between Sub-grantees



- Encourage Sub-grantees to use Training dollars to get a staff person or persons Certified as a QCI.
- Working to revamp weatherization training at SWBSTC and encouraging Contractor and Sub-contractor participation to improve workforce.





Questions

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