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Pennsylvania ARRA Weatherization State Plan

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- \$252.8 million for Pennsylvania's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
- Approximately 7 times larger than average annual appropriation
- 3 year spend period

Goals

- Reduce Pennsylvania energy usage by the equivalent of 155,000 barrels of oil a year
- Weatherize at least an additional 29,700 housing units over the next 2-3 years
- Put an estimated 940 Pennsylvanians to work

Implementation

- 42 sub grantee agencies – current Wx network and possibility of additions
- 3 year contracts
- Base allocations with enhancements
- Average expenditure per household increased to \$6,500
- Davis-Bacon prevailing wages apply
- Income eligibility is 200% Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG)
 - A family of four is eligible at an income of \$44,100

Implementation

Base Allocations - \$22.5M; 10% of total

- Equivalent to 2009-10 allocation

Allocation Enhancements - \$202M; 90% of total

- Distributed via “competitive” process
- Competitive factors will include:
 - Service area need
 - Demonstrated energy use reductions
 - Capacity to scale-up operations
- Allocation enhancement application guidelines issued within 30 days of approval of State Plan

Implementation

Changes to method of prioritizing households

- First priority to LIHEAP grantees and LIHEAP high energy users
- For additional households, increased emphasis on energy usage and energy cost burden

Implementation

Enhanced Program Practices

- Updated energy audit protocols
- Maximum cost for each element of work
- Owner contribution to improvements in rental units (over \$4,000)
 - 25% for buildings with fewer than 50 units
 - 35% for buildings with 50 units or more
- Coordination with Act 129 energy conservation services

Training

- Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) producing state-wide training plan for all energy conservation programs
 - State training standards and certification for workers performing various weatherization functions
 - Certification will serve as industry-recognized credential

Training

\$20M for state-wide training program

- Training to be provided regionally
- Training to be provided by PennTech College (Williamsport) and other providers
- Estimated 940 additional auditors, installers and inspectors for WAP

Training

All weatherization program workers to be certified

- Skills-based test-out for experienced workers
- Background checks encouraged
- Standards and certifications will establish an industry career ladder

Program Efficiency

- State-wide procurement for materials and equipment
- Quarterly production targets for each agency
- Client education in energy reduction techniques, and client commitment to use these techniques

Program Accountability

DCED Monitoring

- Inspection of 10% of all units focusing on the installation work and its consistency with the energy audit (double current level)
- Inspection of 10% of all units focusing on the energy audit and work prioritization (new activity)
- Standardize monitoring protocols
- Up to 8 new FTE's, or outsourced

Program Accountability

Agency Requirements

- Contract Compliance Officer required for all large agencies
- Financial Disclosure statements for agency officers and directors
- Agency staff required to file Conflict of Interest statements

Oversight and Reporting

- External evaluation of energy savings
- Reports to U.S. Department of Energy on job creation and retention, training and equipment purchases

Next Steps

- Comment period ended and public hearing was held Tuesday, May 5, 2009
- Consideration will be given to all verbal and written comments
- Final state plan must be submitted to DOE on May 12, 2009
- Implementation will begin as soon as plan is approved