



Weatherization Assistance Program

“The Federal Perspective”



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Federal Legislative Updates “News from Inside the DC Beltway”

- President’s 2009 WAP Request
- 2009 Congressional Appropriations
- 2009 Supplemental Budget Request – or “Economic Stimulus Package Part II”
- 2012 “Cap” and “Trade” Legislation
- Other Highlights

How Much Does WAP Spend?

(Figures Available for 2007 from NASCSP Funding Survey)

- DOE Allocation to States - \$204.4 million
- LIHEAP - \$255.9 million
- PVE Funds - \$2.0 million
- Utility, State Funds, Other - \$201.2 million

TOTAL - \$662.5 million

(Reduction of nearly \$70 million from 2006)

President’s 2009 WAP Request

- Presidential Request in 2009 Budget - \$0 million
- EERE Focus on Research and Development of New and Renewable Technologies
- DOE Position that WAP Belongs in HHS as Welfare Maintenance Program
- “Outside of the Box” Thinking for Redesign of WAP if Retained in DOE
- Political Changeover May Have No Impact at DOE

What Will Happen This Year?

- House Mark-up of Bill in late June, if at all
- Senate Mark-up Bill in June or July, if at all
- Appropriations Bill Not Likely to Pass
- Year-long Continuing Resolution Possible
- Omnibus Bill More Likely in Dec or Jan
- Funding for Programs Below 2008 Level
- WAP Likely Funded at \$200 to \$220 million

2009 Supplemental Budget Request

- Economic Stimulus – “The Sequel”
- Funding Programs Omitted in First Version (tax rebates)
- Programs like LIHEAP and WAP Being Considered for Inclusion
- WAP at \$200 to \$300 million
- Green Jobs, Large Purchases, Energy Efficiency
- Likelihood of WAP Inclusion Unknown – Senate (yes); House (no)

Cap and Trade Legislation

- “CAP” Refers to Limits on Carbon Emissions for Each Industry Sector
- “Trade” Refers to the Allowance to Buy and Sell Carbon Credits in the Marketplace
- By 2013 All Limits Set for 2050
- Auctioning of Credits Produce Revenues
- Revenues Used to Help Hold Harmless
- WAP, LIHEAP, Rebates Being Considered
- Boxer Amendment Eliminates WAP and LIHEAP
- Up to \$3.5 Billion Available in Out Years for WAP

Other Legislative Highlights

- In Cap and Trade, Discussion of Accessing the Funds Now at Lower Auction Rates
- WAP Request will be \$0 in 2010 Unless New Administration Changes it in 30 Days
- WAP Move to HHS Still Possible
- Energy Efficiency Block Grant in 2007 Bill May Cause Funding Issues

Lead Safe Weatherization – Policy Updates

- April 2008 EPA Published “Lead: Renovation, Repair, and Painting Program” – Final Rule
- Weatherization Prominent in Rule and Testimony
- EPA Rule in conjunction with Existing WAP LSW will Meet and Exceed Project Requirements
- DOE Approach Amended to Include:
 - Strengthen LSW at Local Level
 - White Glove Testing in Target Homes
 - Limited National Sample to Verify Results of LSW

Lead Safe Weatherization (Continued)

- Develop a Set of Standards and Sample Curriculum Based on MSU and Others
- Trainers and Curricula Reviewed by DOE
- Individuals at State and Local Level who Monitor or QC Must Have EPA “Renovator” Certification
- Renovator Posts Placards, Supervises LSW, Oversees Clean-up, and Conducts “Glove” test
- Costs for Renovation Allowable
- Errors and Omissions Insurance May be Upgraded

Lead Safe Weatherization (Continued)

- In 2009 States Must Submit Plan for LSW Training, Verification, and Non-Compliance
- Timeline According to EPA
 - States strengthen LSW implementation 2008
 - States submit LSW curriculum 2009
 - EPA accreditation to begin April 2009
 - Local agencies may apply for “firm” status October 2009
 - All agencies must have renovators and be in full compliance by April 2010

Home Performance Through *Energy Star*

- Began as a Rating for New Homes
- Moving Rapidly to Existing Home Market
- Provides a Rating and a List of Services to Improve Energy Use (RemRate, Energy Gauge, TREAT Software)
- Certification Required Through RESNET
- Opportunities for WAP through Energy Mortgage and Rehabilitation Projects
- Fee for Service to Other than Low-Income