

CONNECTICUT STATE PLAN FOR US DOE
WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE
FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS
PROGRAM YEAR 2020
PUBLIC HEARING
VIRTUAL MEETING

DATE: MARCH 19, 2020

TIME: 11:00 A.M.

PLACE: DEEP
10 Franklin Square
New Britain, CT 06051

Reporter: Theresa Bergstrand, CSR #406

A P P E A R A N C E S

PRESENTATION GIVEN BY:

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BY: John Ferguson

1 (The deposition commenced at 11:00 a.m.)

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3 MR. BIERNAT: Welcome to Connecticut WAP public
4 hearing. If you have any questions or comments you
5 would like, or any statements you would like to make,
6 please save it for the end, and I will go through the
7 list of names, and we will go ahead and -- basically
8 there's a function that, I believe, if you raise your
9 hand, you need to raise your hand to answer or comment,
10 or if you have any comments, I'll give the opportunity
11 at the end of the presentation.

12 So, I'll go ahead and get started with this. The
13 first, so this is the Connecticut State Plan for the
14 U.S. DOE Weatherization Assistance Program for Low
15 Income Persons Program Year 2020. It is March 19th,
16 2020, and I am Brian Biernat. I am research analyst for
17 Department of Energy of the, I am also in charge of the
18 Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program and this
19 is a virtual meeting that is being also transcribed, as
20 well.

21 So Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program's
22 purpose is to increase the energy efficiency of
23 dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons and
24 improve their health and safety, especially those
25 persons who are particularly vulnerable. In compliance

1 with Federal Regulations 10CFR 440 and 2CFR 200. In
2 compliance with State Rules and Procedures, Connecticut
3 Weatherization Assistance Program Operations Manual
4 program, financial and technical aspects of the program.
5 And Connecticut WAP field guide, which dictates the
6 technical aspects of the program.

7 Connecticut State Weatherization Assistance Program
8 Federal Compliance. We have the Connecticut State Plan
9 as a component of Connecticut application to the U.S.
10 DOE for the implementation of the Weatherization
11 Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons and Documents.
12 How Connecticut, the State of Connecticut WAP plans to
13 ensure delivery of quality, effective services to
14 households eligible for the Weatherization Assistance
15 Program. How CT WAP plans to continuously improve
16 program effectiveness and how CT WAP complies with 10CFR
17 440 and 2CFR 200 and the State Rules and Procedures.

18 Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program
19 financial's. This for the program year 2020. The
20 program allocation is \$3,035,175. The T&TA allocation
21 is \$659,726. And the PY20 total DOE base allocation is
22 \$3,694,901. For PY17, 18 and 19 carryforward combined
23 is \$3,821,490. Total PY20 allocation base and
24 carryforward is \$7,516,391. For PY20 CRT allocation we
25 have \$3,511,772. And for the NOI allocation, we have

1 the \$3,235,148.

2 This slid right here is the Connecticut
3 Weatherization Assistance Program Financial's broken
4 down on a per region basis, budget and projected unit
5 goals based on PY20 funding. For Region 5, we have 189
6 units, \$1,786,284. We have, for Region 1, 179 units
7 projected, \$1,700,254 for production. We have, for
8 Region 2, 190 units, \$1,801,906. For Region 3, we have
9 74 units, \$915,909. For Region 4, we have 77 units,
10 \$744,525. This brings the grant total to \$6,746,920 and
11 statewide unit goal of 710.

12 For the Weatherization Assistance Program State
13 Plan timeline. We issued the public notice on February
14 4th, 2020. And we have the updated grant as of March
15 3rd. And March 4th we had a meet -- I am sorry, not
16 March 4th. This is, so this was, originally we were
17 planning to have another virtual meeting, but we have
18 our, actually had the LIEAB meeting on February 4th,
19 2020. And then on the public hearing we are having
20 today, March 19th, 2020. And the written comment period
21 ends on April 2nd, 2020.

22 Any verbal comments, they are welcomed at the
23 public hearing today. And from, which we will be
24 holding from 11:00 to 1:00, and if there is no public
25 comments or nobody, no public comments up until that

1 period, then they can also submit written comments from
2 April 2nd, 2020 until 4:00 p.m. And those can be
3 e-mailed to DEEP.energybureau@ct.gov. Or mailed to CT
4 WAP, Office of Energy Demand Bureau of Energy and
5 Technology Policy at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain,
6 Connecticut, 06051.

7 And again, this is my contact information if you
8 have any questions, you can feel free to contact me
9 directly. And that is the end of our presentation for
10 this public hearing. And I am going to give, now, the
11 opportunity to any participants who would like to
12 provide any verbal comments at this time. So I am going
13 to start with NOI since they had been the first to, who
14 had asked for the opportunity to be speak, if they would
15 like to speak.

16 MR. FERGUSON: There will no comment from NOI at
17 this time.

18 MR. BIERNAT: Okay. Sure. Absolutely. Not a
19 problem and then I would give it to, let's see, anybody
20 else would like to speak, please just identify yourself
21 and let me know, and then we can go ahead and give any
22 statement you would like to make.

23 And if not, I will leave this open for the
24 remainder of the public hearing. Give people an
25 opportunity to come in as they need to come in a little

1 bit later. And I thank you for listening to the
2 presentation, and I look forward to having another
3 successful year in Weatherization.

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5 (Whereupon a brief recess took place.)

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7 MR. BIERNAT: I am going to hop back on here. Good
8 morning. So, as long as there is no more, if there is
9 no more public comments that wish to be made at this
10 time, I would like to go ahead and close the record at
11 11:30. And I thank you all for attending this hearing.

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13 (Whereupon the hearing ended at 11:30 a.m.)
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2 STATE OF CONNECTICUT

3 I, THERESA BERGSTRAND, a Licensed Professional
4 Reporter/Commissioner within and for the State of
5 Connecticut, do hereby certify that I took the hearing
6 IN RE: CONNECTICUT STATE PLAN FOR US DOE WEATHERIZATION
7 ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS PROGRAM YEAR 2020
8 PUBLIC HEARING VIRTUAL MEETING, on March 19th, 2020.

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13 deposition is a true record of the testimony given by
14 said witness.

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17 action in which this deposition was taken; and further,
18 that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or
19 counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor financially
20 or otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.

21 WITNESS my hand and seal the 19th day of March,
22 2020.
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Theresa Bergstrand

Theresa Bergstrand, CSR.
My commission expires 3/31/2021