

Response to Public Comments and Questions

RFP #DEEP-2026-015-SW - WAP IIJA RFP for Service Providers

- 1) What type of costs should fall under Program Operations versus Administration?

Budget expectations are listed on Section II E, **Budget Expectations** on pp. 15-16 of the RFP. Expenditure categories are detailed in Section 10.3 of the CT WAP Operations Manual.

- 2) Financial Qualifications: the RFP says we need to be able to sustain 60 days of floating costs. Is there any room to change this? \$1.2 million is a lot for any company or agency to float, especially human service nonprofits in the age of clawbacks and inflation.

DEEP is not commenting on specific dollar amounts. This is not a minimum qualification, but one of the scoring criteria used for evaluating the proposals.

- 3) Is there a source/database system that we would be required to use?

Yes, see RFP Section II. C. 4. on p. 12 - **Data and Technology Expectations** and Sections II.E. on pp. 15, 16 - **Requirements Specific to the Small Multi-Unit Program (2-4 units)** and **Requirements Specific to the Multifamily Program (5+ units)**. For more information on required systems, refer to the CT WAP Operations Manual (Sections 2.7 and 6.3)

- 4) Why is Region 1 as large as it is; would DEEP allow an application for a region that is smaller?

See RFP p. 41. Regions are divided evenly by number of WAP-eligible customers. The Small Multi-Unit Program (2-4 Units) Service Provider may serve one or both of the Regions. The Multifamily Program (5+ Units) Service Provider will serve the entire state (both Regions). Proposals for smaller regions will not be considered.

- 5) Would you allow split allocations for personnel between this program and the DEEP Community Resource Hub program?

Personnel do not have to work exclusively on the WAP Program; however, all hours charged to each program must be properly allocated and documented.