



# **PROGRAM YEAR 2026**

## **1-4 UNIT WEATHERIZATION**

### **ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

# INTRODUCTION

- The State Plan we are discussing today is for the 1-4 Unit Weatherization Assistance Program (formula funds)
- **WAP's Purpose:** To increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by income-eligible persons and to improve their health and safety, especially for individuals and households identified by DOE as vulnerable:
  - Elderly
  - Disabled
  - Young Children
  - High Energy Use
  - High Energy Burden
- **Our State Plan is developed in accordance with federal regulations:**
  - 10 CFR 440 (Program)
  - 2 CFR 200 (Financial)

# IMPORTANT NOTE

- As of today, DOE has not issued application instructions or budget allocations for PY26
- On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the President signed the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act for 2026
  - Provided funding to DOE
  - This act allocated \$369M in FY26 to WAP
    - An increase of \$3M over FY25 enacted levels
- CT WAP team has started working on key components of the PY26 State Plan
- However, please note that PY26 will not officially be confirmed until DOE guidance is released

# ESTIMATED BUDGET\*

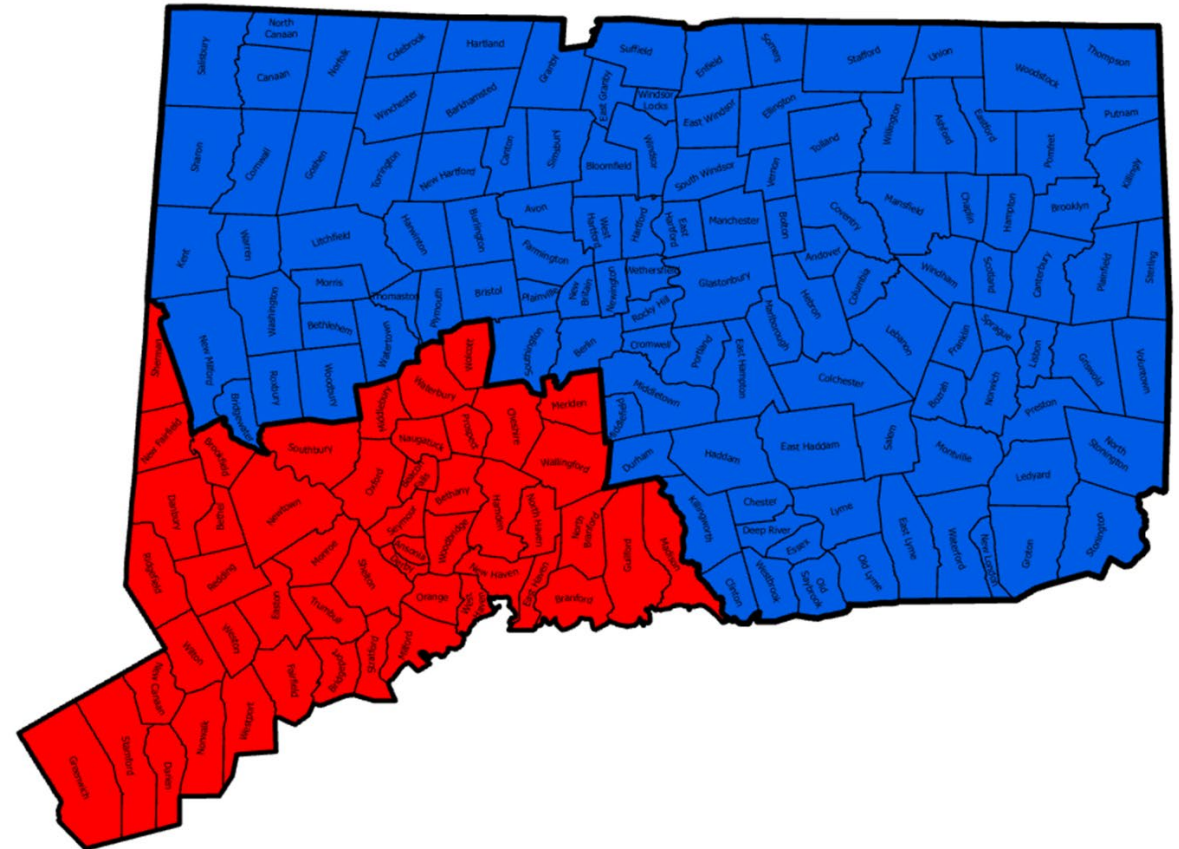
Federal Allocation PY 26	
Program	\$3,024,815
Training and Technical Assistance	\$657,284
Weatherization Readiness Funds	\$383,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,065,724</b>

Grantee Distribution	
DEEP Administration	\$100,708
DEEP Training and Technical Assistance (includes field and desk monitoring activities)	\$567,284
<b>Grantee Total</b>	<b>\$667,992</b>
Subgrantee Distribution	
Administration	\$509,150
Program Support	\$1,824,867
Health & Safety	\$545,090
Training and Technical Assistance	\$90,000
Financial Audits	\$15,000
Insurance	\$30,000
Weatherization Readiness Funds	\$383,625
<b>Subgrantee Total</b>	<b>\$3,397,732</b>

\*Subject to change based on DOE's guidance

# REGIONS MAP

- Each CT WAP region has approximately the same number of homes that meet the 60% SMI definition of low-income
- Key:
  - **Blue: Community Renewal Team (CRT)**
    - Hartford
    - Litchfield
    - Middlesex
    - New London
    - Tolland
    - Windham
  - **Red: Center for Ecotechnology (CET)**
    - Fairfield
    - New Haven



# RECENT PROGRAM CHANGES

## Advance Accounts

- With the PY25 amendments, DEEP added this option for the Subgrantees
- This is a segregated account that can be used to pay subcontractors before receiving reimbursement from DEEP
- Initial amount of \$200,000 that will be replenished by DEEP once subcontractors have been paid

## Monitoring Processes

- During PY25, DEEP worked to update the WAP monitoring process
- Streamlined and coordinated the process between the Subgrantees, AEA, and TVC
- Developed a Project Review Process that will be added to the Hancock software

## Software Transition

- In PY25, DEEP received approval to continue utilizing the DOE WAweb suite of software including NEAT/MHEA
- Throughout the Program Year, DEEP worked to make upgrades to Hancock, our data management software
- Upgrades to Hancock include better client file organization and project process tracking

## Updated Guidelines

- In PY25, DEEP developed new H&S and WRF guidelines
- These new guidelines provide clarity about the processes when utilizing these funding sources
- Worked with Saturn to get our Field Guide updated

# PROPOSED UPCOMING CHANGES

## Leveraged Funds

- More cost-shared units with the HES-IE program moving forward
- DEEP may utilize other funding sources to improve WAP services and offer more energy savings measures to customers

## RFP for WAP IIJA

- We are working on an RFP for a WAP IIJA service provider
- This will also be made available on our website once completed

## Self Intake Application

- DEEP has been working with Hancock developers to launch a self intake application
- This will allow interested people to apply to WAP directly and to apply outside of heating season when the CEAP application is closed

## Updated Program Guidelines

- We are working on an updated manual
- It will be made available on our website once it is completed

# ESTIMATED PRODUCTION GOALS\*



Region 1	Region 2	Total
107 units	107 units	214 units

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# CURRENT TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS

**CT WAP will continue to contract with the Association for Energy Affordability (AEA)**

- Desk review portion of State QCIs
- Waiver reviews
- Technical writing and training

**CT WAP will continue to contract with True View Consultants (TVC)**

- On-site review of State QCIs
- Initial Energy Audit observations
- In-progress work observations

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

- DEEP has issued a request for written public comments on the draft PY26 WAP State Plan
- Written Comments on the draft State Plan are due by April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at 11:59 pm ET

**DEEP seeks public input on how we can serve more clients**

**DEEP seeks public input on how we can strengthen or improve the program**

- Send written comments to [deep.energybureau@ct.gov](mailto:deep.energybureau@ct.gov)
- Full notice available on our website: [www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization](http://www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization)

# PUBLIC HEARINGS

- **Our public hearings will be held on Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026**
  - Hearing 1 – Morning: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
  - Hearing 2 - Afternoon: 4:00 PM to 5:30PM
    - Both hearings will be held on Zoom
- **Written comments on the WAP State Plan are due by April 22, 2026, at 11:59PM**
  - Comments may be addressed to: [deep.energybureau@ct.gov](mailto:deep.energybureau@ct.gov)
  - Public Hearing Notices with Zoom links were posted on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026
    - They are available on our website: [www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization](http://www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization)
- Once completed, the WAP State Plan will be posted on our website
  - Link: [www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization](http://www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization)