



# PROGRAM YEAR 2025

## 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)

**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, and High Energy Burden).

## **In Compliance with Federal Regulations:**

- 10 CFR 440 (Program)
- 2 CFR 200 (Financial)

# BUDGET

Federal Allocation PY 25	
Program	\$3,024,815
Training and Technical Assistance	\$657,284
Weatherization Readiness Funds	\$383,625
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,065,724</b>

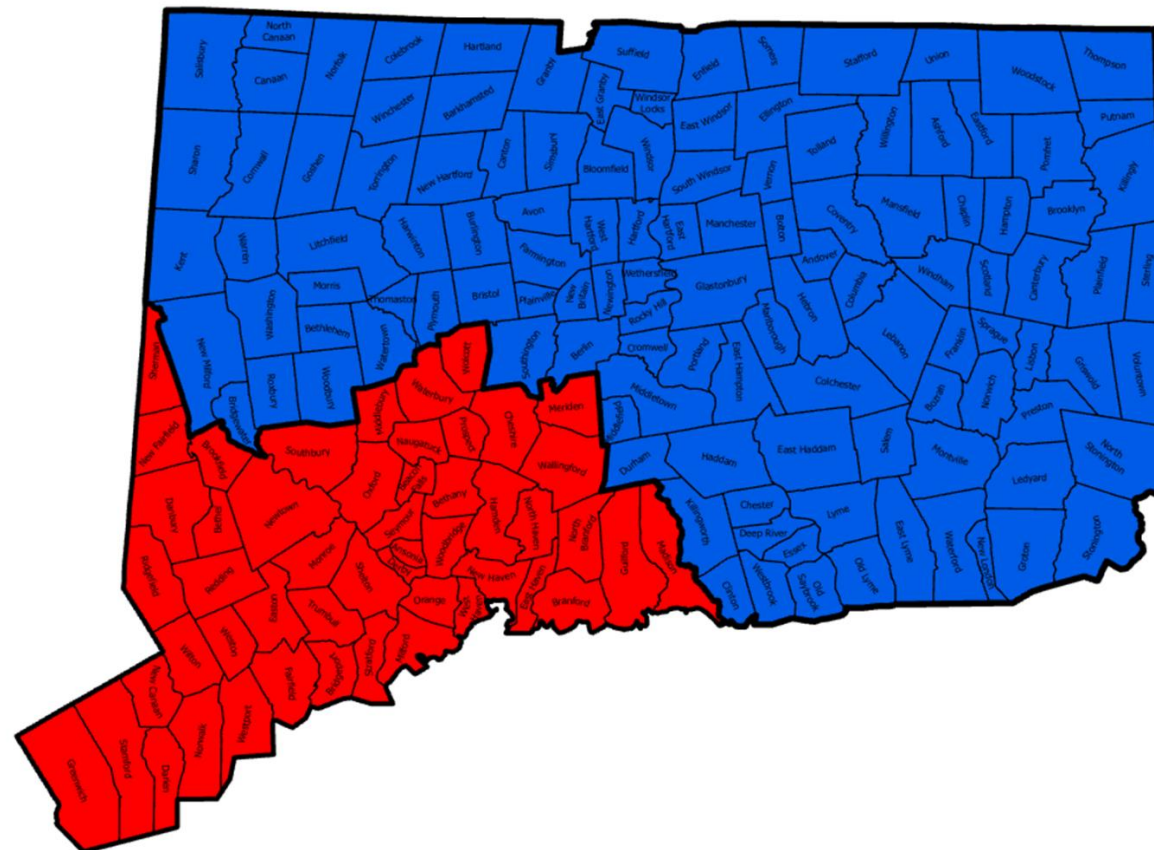
Grantee Distribution	
DEEP Administration	\$100,708
DEEP Training and Technical Assistance (includes field and desk monitoring activities)	\$567,284
<b>Grantee Total</b>	<b>\$667,992</b>
Subgrantee Distribution	
Administration	\$509,150
Program Support	\$1,824,867
Health & Safety	\$545,090
Training and 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>

# REGIONS MAP

Each CT WAP region has approximately the same number of homes that meet the 60% SMI definition of low-income.

**Blue: Community Renewal Team (CRT)**

**Red: Center for EcoTechnology (CET)**



# PROPOSED PROGRAM CHANGES

## Health and Safety Budget

- Previously WAP has allocated 15% of the Program Operations budget for Health and Safety issues
- Based on the number of Health and Safety Issues found CT WAP is proposing to DOE to allocate 23% of the Program Operations to address Health and Safety Issues.

## Heating and Domestic Hot Water Systems

- Heating Systems will only be replaced in WAP if they can be counted as an ECM.
- Heating System replacements under Health and Safety are only to be considered under special conditions
- WAP can only Replace Inoperable or Red Tagged Heating Systems in households that agree to receive comprehensive weatherization services
- We have requested DOE approval to replace Domestic Hot Water Systems utilizing the same review criteria as Heating Systems

## Weatherization Readiness Funding (WRF)

- The entire WRF funding allocation will be given to the Weatherization Subgrantees.
- This funding can be used to address issues listed in the WRF State Plan

## Software Transition

- In PY25 DEEP will seek approval to continue utilizing the DOE WAwab suite of Software including NEAT/MHEA
- CT WAP will pursue the use of Hancock's Energy Audit Tool: MINT in future program years to allow a smoother connection between the Database and Auditing Software



# PRODUCTION GOAL



Region 1	Region 2	Total
107 Units	107 Units	214 Units

# TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND TRAINING PROVIDERS

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

- Desk reviews
- Waiver reviews
- Technical writing

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

- In-progress monitoring
- Final inspections
- Annual technical monitoring

**CT WAP will be issuing an RFP in PY 2025 for a Training Provider**

- Comprehensive and specific trainings
- Green Jobs Academy (GJA) is the Training provider through Summer of PY 2025

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT

- DEEP has issued a request for written public comments on the draft PY25 WAP State Plan
- Written Comments on the draft State Plan are due by April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 11:59 pm ET

**DEEP seeks public input on the amount of funds being allocated to Health and Safety**

**CT WAP seeks public input on the weatherization measures being provided through WAP**

**CT WAP seeks public input on the use of Weatherization Readiness Funding**

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



# WEATHERIZATION HEALTH AND SAFETY FUNDING LEVEL

DOE requires all Grantees who allocate funding to indicate the amount of federal funds to be used to mitigate energy-related health and safety (H&S) hazards which are necessary to the installation of weatherization measures in accordance with 10 CFR 440.16(h) and 440.18(d)(15).

Grantees must set H&S expenditure limits for their Subgrantees, providing justification by explaining the basis for setting these limits and providing related historical experience (frequency and cost). These limits may vary depending upon conditions found in different geographical areas.

Across the country 15-25% of the Program Operations budget is allocated to address Health and Safety issues found in client homes.

CT WAP has historically kept the Health and Safety funding at 15% of the Program Operations Budget

CT WAP is seeking DOE approval to increase the H&S funding to 23% based on the high deferral rates reported by the WAP Subgrantees.

**CT WAP is seeking input on whether 23% is a reasonable amount to allocate to Health and Safety measures? Should this amount be increased or decreased? What data is available to support and increase or decrease in Health and Safety funding?**

# WEATHERIZATION ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES

CT WAP is currently in the process of reapplying to be able to utilize the DOE Weatherization Assistant Web-based energy modeling software. As part of this application process DOE allows the Grantee to revisit the types of materials, and equipment installed as part of weatherizing a home.

DOE allows standard weatherization measures found in 10 CFR 440 Appendix A, but CT WAP is also exploring additional items such as:

- LED Lighting
- Air Conditioning Repair or Replacement
- Refrigerator Repair or Replacement
- Heating and Ventilation System Tune, Repair or Replacement
- Domestic Hot Water System Repair or Replacement
- Water Conservation Measures
- Heat Pump Technology
- Solar Technology

**DEEP is seeking public input on, if we should prioritize any or all measures listed above for inclusion in CT WAP? Why or why not? Are there any additional technologies that should be considered? If so, please provide studies or data to support the energy conservation and or energy cost savings of recommended technologies.**

# WEATHERIZATION READINESS FUNDING (WRF)

The purpose of the WRF is to allow WAP to address necessary repairs (Health and Safety, Structural, etc.) in dwelling units that have been deferred from receiving weatherization services. Specifically, this funding is targeted to reduce the frequency of deferred homes that require services outside the scope of weatherization before the weatherization services can commence.

All units receiving WRF must result in a DOE completion defined as "A dwelling on which a DOE approved energy audit or priority list has been applied, and weatherization work has been completed"

CT WAP is currently allocated a portion of WRF for weatherization readiness activities.

These activities are limited to the activities listed in the CT Weatherization Readiness Funds State Plan including roof repair, wall repair (interior or exterior), ceiling repair, floor repair, foundation or subspace repair, exterior drainage repairs, plumbing repairs electrical repairs, and remediation or clean-up of lead mold and asbestos.

**CT WAP is looking for input on, whether there are additional health and safety barriers to weatherization that are regularly encountered? If so, what other barriers are common in Connecticut? and what research or data can be provided to support the presence of these other barriers?**

# PUBLIC HEARINGS

## Friday, April 4, 2025

- Hearing 1 – Morning: 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
  - Hearing Room 1 (10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT)
  - In-Person and ZOOM
- Hearing 2 - Afternoon: 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM
  - Hearing Room 2 (10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT)
  - In-Person and ZOOM
- **Written Comments on the WAP State Plan are due by April 11, 2025 at 11:59pm**
  - Comments may be addressed to: [deep.energybureau@ct.gov](mailto:deep.energybureau@ct.gov)

**ZOOM links were posted on March 19, 2025 in the Public Hearing Notice on**  
**[www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization](http://www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization)**

**The WAP State Plan was posted on April 1, 2025 on**  
**[www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization](http://www.ct.gov/DEEP/Weatherization)**

**DEEP would like LIEWAB to vote on the proposed 2025 CT WAP State Plan**