



March 22, 2023

## **1-4 UNIT WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

### **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Pursuant to Part 440 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is in the process of updating the state's Program Year 2024 Plan for administering a 1-4 unit Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) for Low Income Persons (proposed WAP State Plan) and is providing opportunity for public comment. The first draft, proposed WAP State Plan can be found at: [www.ct.gov/deep/weatherization](http://www.ct.gov/deep/weatherization). An additional Notice will be filed with the Secretary of State by April 18, 2024 to notice public hearings to be held on April 29, 2024 and to provide an additional written comment opportunity on a second draft of the proposed WAP State Plan.

### **VERBAL COMMENTS**

By way of this Notice DEEP is providing opportunity for interested persons to provide verbal comments on the first draft proposed WAP State Plan. Verbal comments may be provided on April 3, 2024 at the virtual Low Income Energy Advisory Board (LIEAB) meeting scheduled from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. ET. To attend the LIEAB meeting, please join using the Zoom link posted on the April 3, 2024 meeting agenda posted at least two days prior to the meeting on the LIEAB webpage: <https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Energy/Low-Income-Energy-Advisory-Board/LIEAB-Meetings>

### **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

By way of this Notice, DEEP is also providing an opportunity for interested persons to submit written comments on the first draft of the proposed WAP State Plan. Written comments may be filed on or before **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by 11:59 p.m. ET.** Written comments must be e-mailed to [deep.energybureau@ct.gov](mailto:deep.energybureau@ct.gov) or sent via US Mail to DEEP's Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. All comments and materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website. Any questions may be directed to the DEEP Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy at [DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov).

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer that is committed to complying with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact Brian Biernat at [DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov) if you are seeking a communication aid or service, have limited proficiency in English, or require some other

accommodation. If you wish to file an ADA or Title VI discrimination complaint, you may submit your complaint to DEEP Office of Diversity and Equity at (860) 418-5910 or via email at [deep.accommodations@ct.gov](mailto:deep.accommodations@ct.gov). In order to facilitate efforts to provide an accommodation, please request all accommodations as soon as possible following notice of any agency hearing, meeting, program, or event.

All Comments on the first draft CT WAP State Plan are encouraged. DEEP also Specifically invites responses to the following questions:

- 1) How long (how many years) should the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program's rent protections be required? (Current Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program rent protections are as follows: "Landlords shall affirm by signed Weatherization Agreement that they shall not increase the rent paid by eligible tenants of a rental unit that has received weatherization services for a period of two years from the date the weatherization work is completed unless the landlord/property owner can document that the increase is due to factors other than the weatherization assistance performed. In compliance with 10 C.F.R. §§ 440.22(b)(3) and 440.22(e), tenants sign and receive a copy of the agreement, and therefore are aware of the conditions placed on the landlord. Landlords will also agree to charge the same rent to all successor tenants up to the two--year period covered by the Weatherization Agreement.").
- 2) Should fuel switching be permitted as part of the services provided by the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program? If yes, why and how could DEEP mitigate potential negative impacts to energy assistance received by the income eligible household?
- 3) Should the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program fund the installation of Heat Pumps and Heat Pump Water Heaters when the savings-to-investment ratio is greater than 1.0? Why?

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