

SEPTEMBER 14, 2022

CONNECTICUT WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS

On November 15, 2021, Public Law 117-158, the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), was signed into law by the President. Also referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), IIJA provided \$3.5 billion in funding for the federal weatherization assistance program (WAP). Similar to traditional WAP formula funding, all WAP grant awards using BIL funds must comply with the applicable law and regulations authorizing WAP under 42 U.S.C. § 6861, *et seq.* and 10 C.F.R. 440. In addition, the use of WAP BIL funding requires compliance with IIJA's flow-down rules which include applicable prevailing wage laws under the Davis-Bacon Act, domestic content preference laws under "Buy America", National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requirements, and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements.

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) WAP team within the Office of Affordable Housing Energy Retrofits is in the process of applying for BIL funds appropriated under IIJA. DEEP has prepared a draft of the WAP Grantee Plan Application for BIL funds (the Draft Plan) and as explained below, DEEP will hold a public hearing to present the Draft Plan and provide an opportunity for public comment. With the publication of this Notice, DEEP also initiates a public comment period, and welcomes interested stakeholders to submit written comments on the Draft Plan which is available for review on DEEP's website.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Pursuant to 10 C.F.R. 440.14(a), DEEP will conduct two virtual public hearings via ZOOM on **September 28, 2022, at 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM**. During these hearings, public comments on the Draft Plan will be received by the public. DEEP will also prepare a transcript of the hearing and make it available to the public. To acquire a copy of the transcript, please contact DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov.

WAP Public Hearing

10:00 AM

<https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItde6orzoqHtHb-Afnn9sx4HB8m07mqvnk>

6:00 PM

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqf-2prjsoHdR_-AN_4jwW6aU66mMTDCB4

WRITTEN COMMENTS

By way of this Notice, DEEP is providing an opportunity for interested stakeholders to submit written comments on the Draft Plan. Written comments may be filed on or before **September 29, 2022 at 4:00pm**. Written comments can be e-mailed to DEEP.Weatherization@ct.gov or sent via US Mail to DEEP's Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy, Ten Franklin Square, New Britain, Connecticut 06051. All materials submitted by stakeholders in this proceeding will be posted on the DEEP website and on DEEP Energy Filings. Any questions may be directed to Kyle Ellsworth, at kyle.ellsworth@ct.gov.

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