



CEEJAC ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 1, 2023 10:00A – 12:00P

Leticia Colon de Mejias – ECO Warrior

Sharon Lewis – Connecticut Economic and Environmental Justice

Rev. Albert Bailey

WELCOME & ROLL CALL



Co-Chairs

- Leticia Colon de Mejias
- Sharon Lewis
- Rev. Albert Bailey

Members:

- Adrienne Farrar Houël
- Theresa Hopkins-Staten
- Yolanda L. Stinson
- Jayson Velazquez

Ground rules

During the discussion, all participants should:

1. Listen respectfully, without interrupting.
2. Listen actively and with an ear to understanding others' views.
3. Only have one conversation at a time.
4. Be mindful to give others and opportunity to speak.
5. Focus on the task at hand rather than the position.
6. Avoid off-topic conversations.
7. Criticize ideas, not individuals.
8. Commit to learning, not debating.
9. Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language.
10. Avoid assumptions about any member of the workgroup.

Overview of Agenda

Sharon Lewis

- 1. Subcommittee Introductions – 20 mins**
- 2. Summary of Subcommittee Goals – 15 mins**
- 3. Defining Shared Terms – 20 mins**
- 4. Presentation on Weatherization and Assistance Program & Residential Energy Preparation Services – 10 mins**
- 5. Questions and Discussion – 15 mins**
- 6. Public Comment Period – 20 mins**
- 7. Closing – 5 mins**

Subcommittee Introductions

- Name
- Pronouns
- Affiliation/Organization
- Location
- Why you are interested in this subcommittee

Summary of Energy & Technology Subcommittee goals

- Identify and address barriers to energy justice.
- Identify the problems and provide a recommendation to make sure communities can access programs and funding.

What additional programs or topics should we cover?

Defining Energy Justice





DEEP-ADMINISTERED ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

Presented by: **Becca Trietch, Sr. Policy Advisor**
Bureau of Energy Technology Policy (BETP)

BUREAU OF ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY OVERVIEW

BETP manages energy, transportation, telecommunication, and broadband policy issues and program deployment for DEEP with the goal of establishing a clean, economical, resilient, and reliable energy and technology future for all residents.

Offices:

- **Affordable Housing Energy Retrofits**
- **Building and Transportation Decarbonization**
- **Energy Supply and Infrastructure**
- **Telecommunications and Broadband**

A stylized landscape illustration. At the top right, a yellow sun is partially visible. Below it is a large green hill with a dark blue outline. To the left, a smaller, lighter green hill is visible. At the bottom, there is a light blue area representing water, also outlined in dark blue. The text "BETP-Administered Building Energy Programs" is centered on the green hill.

BETP-Administered Building
Energy Programs

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)



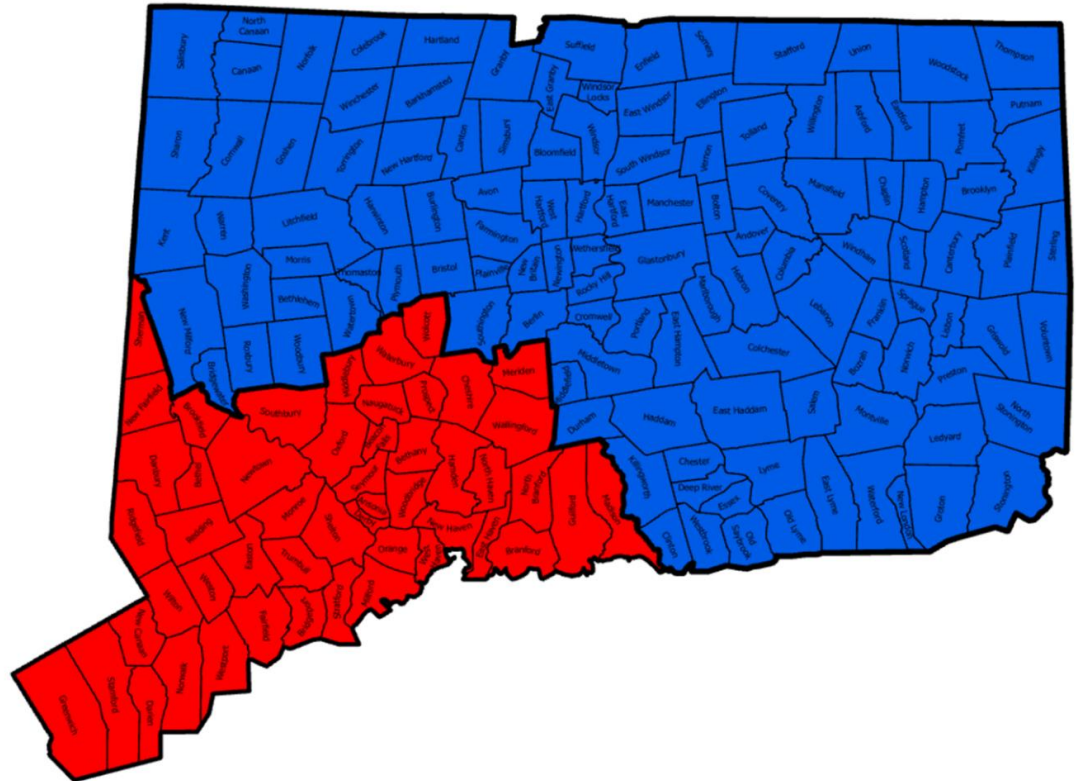
- Federally funded weatherization program – historically ~\$3M/yr. serving about 200-250 single family homes per year
- Assists low-income households in minimize energy-related costs and fuel usage through retrofits and home improvement measures at no cost to the residents
- Typical measures include air sealing, insulation, clean tune and testing of heating systems
- Eligible households: less than 60% state median income (SMI) – CEAP application used to verify income

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

- Historically WAP has served single-family (1-4 unit) homes, but with recent Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding, DEEP is starting a multifamily (5+ unit) program
- BIL WAP funding for CT: ~\$46M (\$23M already delivered to DEEP based on an approved application)
- BIL WAP funding plan aims to spend the funding by Program Year 2026
- DEEP has also been awarded ~\$3.5M for the single-family program this year

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP) – DELIVERY STRUCTURE

- DEEP oversees the WAP program, but the program is implemented by competitively selected, non-profit service providers
- DEEP recently completed a competitive procurement for service providers.
- DEEP is currently in contract negotiations with the following entities for WAP:
 - Single family region 1: Community Renewal Team (CRT)
 - Single family region 2: Center for EcoTechnology (CET)
 - Multifamily full state: International Center for Appropriate & Sustainable Technology (ICAST)
- Aiming to have programs launch by the end of the year
- Link: [Weatherization in Connecticut](#)



WAP - GETTING STARTED & ONGOING WORK

Potentially eligible households should contact their local [Community Action Agency \(CAA\)](#) to fill out a Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) [application](#) to get started

Coordination with utility-administered low-income efficiency program: Home Energy Solutions – Income Eligible (HES-IE)

- DEEP is working with Eversource and United Illuminating to map out a proposed cost-sharing process that would enable more low-income homes to be served more comprehensively
- This proposal will be shared with contractors, WAP service providers, and the public for comment/feedback

RESIDENTIAL ENERGY PREPARATION SERVICES (REPS)

- New program (Launched in March 2023) to remove health and safety barriers (asbestos, mold, knob-and-tube wiring, etc.) to weatherization for income-eligible households
- Eligible households: those deferred from WAP or HES-IE
- Administered by DEEP and implemented by ICAST
- Link: [Residential Energy Preparation Services \(ct.gov\)](https://www.ct.gov/deep/energy-environment/sustainability/energy-efficiency/residential-energy-preparation-services)

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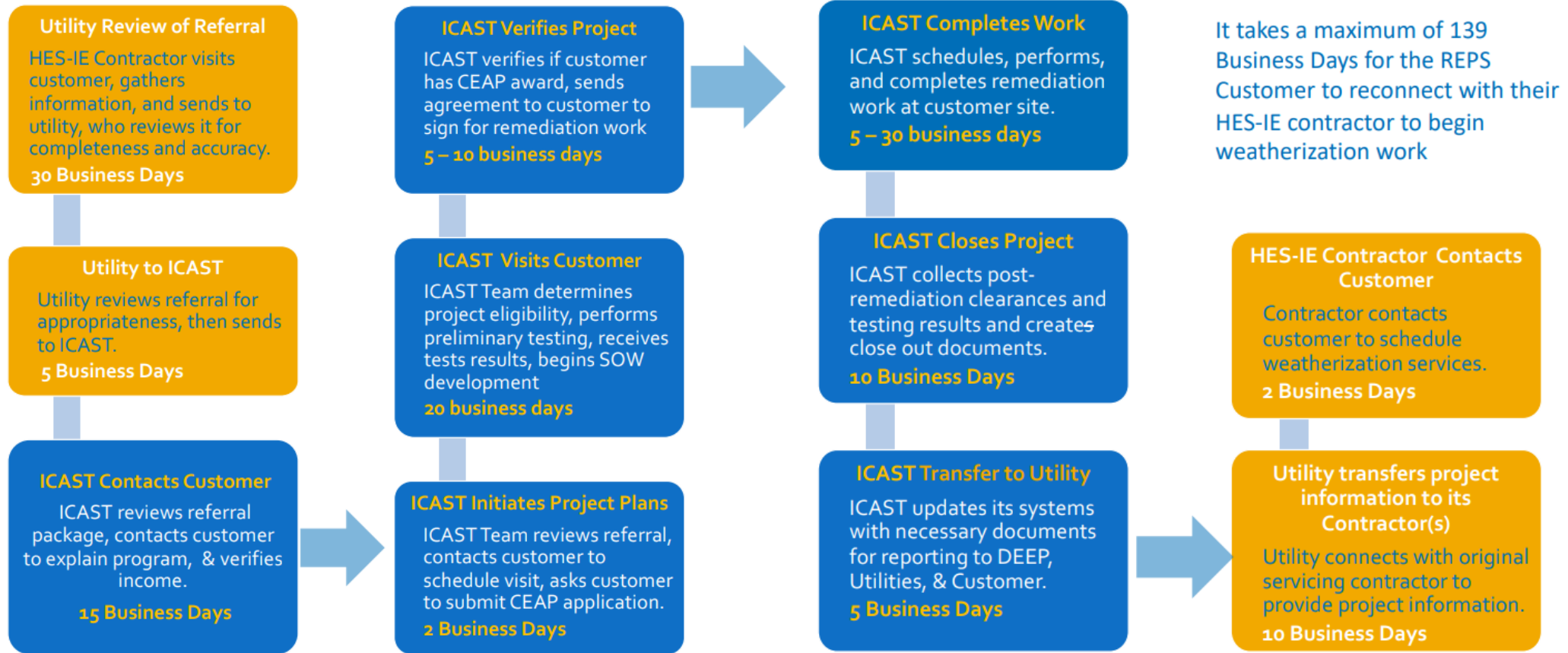
- Eligible Barriers:

- Asbestos or asbestos-like material
- Vermiculite
- Mold
- Moisture control
- Lack of exhaust/ventilation
- Knob and tube wiring
- Presence of pests
- Radon
- Energy related roof repairs (with pre-approval; no roof replacements)
- Lack of smoke or carbon monoxide detectors
- Minor re-grading of perimeter grounds to correct improper drainage and reduce excessive accumulation of water against the foundation
- Gutters/downspouts: Up to 25 feet of gutter repair/replacement and up to 50 feet of downspout repair/replacement
- Dysfunctional or lack of sump pump
- Air exchange issues, filtration, and indoor air quality (IAQ) issues

REPS DATA TO DATE

- As of 10/10/23:
 - 11 completed units
 - 34 units to be marked complete this week (many as a result of revisits)
 - Breakdown of 11 completed units by barrier:
 - Mold & moisture: 9
 - Asbestos: 1
 - Mold & moisture and asbestos: 1
 - Breakdown of 11 completed units by town:
 - Plainfield: 1
 - Prospect: 1
 - Waterbury: 3
 - Beacon Falls: 1
 - Middlebury: 1
 - Seymour: 1
 - Milford: 1
 - Winsted: 2
- As of 8/31/23, REPS has spent:
 - \$664,824.77 in ARPA funds (of \$7 million)
 - \$416,028.94 in LIHEAP funds (of ~\$1.5 million)
- Total Spent: \$1,080,853.71
- Dept. of Social Services has also allocated more LIHEAP funding for 2024

REPS PROCESS/TIMELINE



QUESTIONS?

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Public Comment

20 minutes



CEEJAC Quarterly Meeting Schedule 2023:

NEW DATE & TIME!

- Monday, Dec 11, 2023
- 6:00 – 8:00 pm



Thank you!

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