

Department of Energy

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WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM NOTICE 10-05 EFFECTIVE DATE: December 3, 2009

SUBJECT: GRANTEE PERFORMANCE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE HOLD ON REMAINING 50% OF OBLIGATED FUNDS UNDER THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

PURPOSE: Provides guidance to Grantees under the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) describing required performance to access remaining 50% of obligated funds.

SCOPE: The provisions of this guidance apply to States or other entities named in the Notification of Grant Award as the recipients of financial assistance under the Department of Energy (DOE) WAP.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Title IV, Energy Conservation and Production Act, as amended, authorizes the Department of Energy to administer the WAP. WAP Grantees shall comply with the terms of the grant, and applicable law and regulation including the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and, WAP Regulations contained in 10 CFR Part 440

BACKGROUND: Funding Opportunity Announcement No: DE-FOA-0000051 dated March 12, 2009, contained as an attachment, Weatherization Program Notice (WPN) 09-1B, Grant Guidance to Administer the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Funding. Section 2.5 Budget of WPN 09-1B states: The intent of the Recovery Act is to put the funding into the economy as quickly as possible, while spending the funds efficiently and wisely. One hundred percent (100%) of available Recovery Act WAP funds have been obligated to WAP Grantees. However, per the terms of the grants, 50% of the obligations are not available to a Grantee until the Grantee demonstrates progress. This notice clarifies how Grantees can gain access to the final 50% of obligated Recovery Act WAP funds.

GUIDANCE: DOE will provide Grantees access to the remaining 50% of obligated funds based upon demonstrated progress. Demonstrated progress is defined as:

1. 30% of all units estimated to be weatherized in approved Weatherization Plans are weatherized.

¹ For a Grantee with a greater than 50% restriction on funds, grantees will be given access per the terms of the grant.

- 2. Each Grantee has been fulfilling its monitoring and inspection protocol as part of its approved annual state plan.
- 3. Each Grantee is monitoring local agencies at least once each year to determine compliance with administrative, fiscal, and State field policies and guidelines.
- 4. Local quality control efforts are in place.
- 5. At least 5% of the completed units are inspected by Grantee staff during the course of the year.
- 6. Grantees progress reports are acceptable, submitted in accordance with grant requirements, including being on time and accurate.
- 7. Monitoring reviews confirm acceptable performance.

CONCLUSION: It is a pleasure to work with you on this important challenge. I look forward to the success of this Program and our continued partnership to ensure *Weatherization Works*!

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