

BPA's Low Income Energy Efficiency Grant Program

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Background

- Grant program originated in the years following the first Power Act
- The 1983 and 1986 Power Plans called BPA into action
- BPA responded by establishing the grant program
- BPA (as an agency under DOE) piggy backed on the DOE program
 - the program was well established, successful, and had a network of local community agencies already in place.





Low Income Energy Efficiency Grant Program

- Public purpose program funded through IPR process and set by the Administrator. Separate process and funding from the EE acquisition program
- \$5.2 million dollar annual budget
- In 1999, \$500,000 (of the \$5M) was set aside to be directly distributed from BPA for the “Tribal Set Aside” program
- Remaining 4.6 million is distributed to states in the form of grants



Grant Program Implementation

- BPA administers 2-year grants to the states of WA, OR, MT, ID
- The states contract out the funding to local CAAs.
- The states and CAAs are monitored by DOE, and adhere to all DOE's requirements and standards including; training standards, audits and inspections, monitoring, file management, and cost effective criteria (SIR).
- Additionally, BPA collects quarterly reports on units served under the program





Grants Compliment DOE program

- Grants follow the DOE program with the exception of the following
 - 30% for health and safety (DOE is 15%)
 - 30% for LIWx repairs (DOE 15%)
 - Allows for some appliances
 - No age requirement for dwelling
 - Can return to unit as many times as necessary
 - Must be in BPA customer territory and be an electrically heated home
- DOE's Weatherization Assistance Program information: <http://www.waptac.org/>



Tribal Set Aside Program

- The Tribal Set Aside Program allows for a more effective way in reaching Native Americans.
- The program allows for flexibility in the implementation based on the tribe's specific needs. Often times tribes work with CAAs
- Many tribal residents are more comfortable participating in the program when fellow tribal members are their primary contact
- Can provide long term employment opportunities for tribes





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