

**APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE SF-424**

Version 02

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<b>3. Date Received</b>		<b>4. Applicant Identifier:</b>		
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<b>State Use Only:</b>				
<b>6. Date Received by State:</b>		<b>7. State Application Identifier:</b>		
<b>8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:</b>				
<b>a. Legal Name:</b> Office of Community Services, Dept of Labor & Industrial Relations, State of Hawaii				
<b>b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):</b> 990266120			<b>c. UEI:</b> QRYWK6AKF2D8	
<b>d. Address:</b>				
Street 1: 830 Punchbowl Street, Rm. 420				
Street 2:				
City: Honolulu				
County: HONOLULU County				
State: HI				
Province:				
Country: U.S.A.				
Zip / Postal Code: 968135095				
<b>e. Organizational Unit:</b>				
<b>Department Name:</b> Department of Labor and Industrial Relations			<b>Division Name:</b> Office of Community Services	
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Middle Name:				
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**9. Type of Applicant:**

A State Government

**10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U. S. Department of Energy

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

81.042

CFDA Title:

Weatherization Assistance Program: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

DE-WBI-0002022

Title:

2022 WAP Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

Statewide (City and County of Honolulu, Hawaii County, Maui County, Kauai County)

**15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

The Program enables low-income families to permanently reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient . It provides funding to Department of Labor and Industrial Relations- Office of Community Services (DLIR-OCS) to manage the program and provide weatherization assistance to eligible clients. The BIL will significantly increase the DOE portion of funding for local weatherization efforts . For lower-income households who already spend up to 30% of their income on energy costs, energy savings are essential. In addition, carbon and air pollution disproportionately harms lower-income communities, especially communities of color. BIL funding will deliver a more equitable clean

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**16. Congressional District Of:**

a. Applicant: Hawaii Congressional District 01

b. Program/Project: HI-Statewide

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed:

**17. Proposed Project:**

a. Start Date: 07/01/2022

b. End Date: 06/30/2027

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

a. Federal	3,641,796.00
b. Applicant	0.00
c. State	0.00
d. Local	0.00
e. Other	0.00
f. Program Income	0.00
g. TOTAL	3,641,796.00

**19. Is Application subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?:**

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

**20. Is the applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes", provide explanation)**

No

**21. By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to**

I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency

**Authorized Representative:**

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Middle Name: Domingo  
Last Name: Dela Cruz  
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Title: Executive Director

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Signature of Authorized Representative: Signed Electronically Date Signed: 01/20/2023

**BUDGET INFORMATION - Non-Construction Programs**

1. Program/Project Identification No. EE0009983		2. Program/Project Title Weatherization Assistance Program: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	
3. Name and Address Office of Community Services, Dept of Labor & Industrial Relations, 830 Punchbowl Street, Rm. 420 Honolulu, HI 968135095	4. Program/Project Start Date		07/01/2022
	5. Completion Date		06/30/2027

**SECTION A - BUDGET SUMMARY**

Grant Program Function or Activity (a)	Federal Catalog No. (b)	Estimated Unobligated Funds		New or Revised Budget		
		Federal (c)	Non-Federal (d)	Federal (e)	Non-Federal (f)	Total (g)
1. Federal	81.042	\$ 0.00		\$ 3,641,796.00		\$ 3,641,796.00
2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,641,796.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,641,796.00

**SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES**

6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) GRANTEE ADMINISTRATI ON	(2) SUBGRANTEE ADMINISTRATI ON	(3) PROGRAM OPERATIONS	(4) GRANTEE T&TA	
a. Personnel	\$ 267,250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 267,250.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 0.00	\$ 258,677.00	\$ 2,948,369.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,324,546.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 267,250.00	\$ 258,677.00	\$ 2,948,369.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,641,796.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 267,250.00	\$ 258,677.00	\$ 2,948,369.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 3,641,796.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

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2.						
3.						
4.						
5. TOTAL		\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,641,796.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,641,796.00

SECTION B - BUDGET CATEGORIES					
6. Object Class Categories	Grant Program, Function or Activity				Total (5)
	(1) SUBGRANTEE T&TA	(2)	(3)	(4)	
a. Personnel	\$ 0.00				\$ 267,250.00
b. Fringe Benefits	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
c. Travel	\$ 0.00				\$ 50,000.00
d. Equipment	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
e. Supplies	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
f. Contract	\$ 117,500.00				\$ 3,324,546.00
g. Construction	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
h. Other Direct Costs	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
i. Total Direct Charges	\$ 117,500.00				\$ 3,641,796.00
j. Indirect Costs	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00
k. Totals	\$ 117,500.00				\$ 3,641,796.00
7. Program Income	\$ 0.00				\$ 0.00

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This worksheet should be completed as specified in Section III of the Weatherization Assistance Program Application Package.

**V.1 Eligibility**

**V.1.1 Approach to Determining Client Eligibility**

Provide a description of the definition of income used to determine eligibility

The program serves households that meet the client eligibility criteria in 10 CFR §440. In general, eligible households are at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines for Hawaii, as established by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, or contain a household member who has received cash assistance payments under Title IV or XVI of the Social Security Act during the 12-month period preceding the determination of eligibility.

In accordance with Weatherization Program Notice 22-5, Subgrantees may certify that applicants have met the income requirements of HUD means-tested programs through mechanisms, including but not limited to, applicant documentation, interagency lists of recipients, shared system databases, etc. The method of income eligibility verification must be placed in the client's file.

Describe what household eligibility basis will be used in the Program

The primary goal is to provide weatherization services and reduce energy costs for low income households in accordance with 10 CFR §440.3, §440.22 and §440.16(b). Priority shall be given to households with elderly persons (over the age of 60), persons with disabilities, families with children (up to age 19), high residential energy users, and households with a high energy burden.

Describe the process for ensuring qualified aliens are eligible for weatherization benefits

DLIR-OCS is fully compliant with the requirements of the Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility provisions of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, and DLIR-OCS adheres to the guidance provided by Weatherization Program Notice (WPN) 12-1, part 5.1, effective January 31, 2012. Grantees are directed and encouraged to review guidance provided by Health and Human Services (HHS) under Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). This guidance can be found by going to <https://aspe.hhs.gov/basic-report/summary-immigrant-eligibility-restrictions-under-current-law#sec1>. HHS Information Memorandum LIHEAP-IM-25 dated August 28, 1997, states that all qualified aliens, regardless of when they entered the United States, continue to be eligible to receive assistance and services under LIHEAP if they meet other program requirements. To eliminate any possible contradiction of eligibility for weatherization services at the state and local level for qualified aliens, the definition adopted by HHS will also apply to the DOE WAP. HHS issued Information Memorandum LIHEAP-IM-98-25 dated August 6, 1998, outlining procedures for LIHEAP and weatherization subgrantees serving non-qualified aliens to implement new status verification requirements. To ensure continuity between LIHEAP and WAP for the many subgrantees operating both programs, the DOE WAP will follow the interpretation as adopted by HHS.

**V.1.2 Approach to Determining Building Eligibility**

Procedures to determine that units weatherized have eligibility documentation

Subgrantees have intake, client selection procedures, and energy audit procedures to determine the eligibility of the clients and the dwelling units. First, staff follow procedures on how to administer an intake form, which gathers information on household data, annual income, and client needs. An assessment of the dwelling unit will be conducted to ascertain whether the unit meets the criteria for WAP weatherization services. Subgrantees will ascertain whether the energy consumption levels at the dwelling unit appear to be excessive and amenable to remediation by installation of standard Hawaii WAP BIL remediation installations, such as solar hot water heaters and/or energy-efficient refrigerators. Then a Program Coordinator will screen the intake form and determine household eligibility within program guidelines. After a client's eligibility has been certified, the client will remain eligible for weatherization assistance for twelve months from date of application. If weatherization work has not started before the twelve months are up, the household may reapply using only a declaration of income statement. However, applicants who are on the waiting list are subject to the WPN 22-3 requirement that eligibility documentation be updated at least annually.

Eligible buildings must comply with 10 CFR §440.22, such that not less than 66 percent of the dwelling units in the building are income eligible or will become eligible within 180 days. No dwelling unit may be weatherized without verification of income eligibility from either HPHA, the property owner, or the household.

Weatherization Program Notice (WPN) 22-5, Expansion of Client Eligibility in the Weatherization Assistance Program, issued by the U.S. Department of

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Energy (DOE), serves to streamline the WAP intake process by expanding WAP’s categorical income eligibility to include U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) means-tested programs’ income qualifications at or below 80% of Area Median Income. (examples of HUD program but not limited to Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Lead Hazard Control & Healthy Homes Program (OLHCHH), etc.). WAP already has a provision, codified in 10 CFR 440.22(a)(3), to allow inclusion of households that are income eligible for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ (HHS) Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). DOE anticipates Grantee implementation of categorical eligibility for HUD means-tested programs would be similar to existing eligibility that DOE WAP currently has with Health and Human Services (HHS) Low-Income Households Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

WAP Providers generally encounter three types of multifamily properties assisted by HUD: (1) housing owned and operated by HUD Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), (2) privately-owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance, and (3) privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents who receive tenant-based (housing voucher) assistance. Housing owned and operated by PHAs: WAP providers shall consider all such buildings managed by the PHAs referenced in this HUD Web page to be 100 percent income eligible. Privately owned multifamily buildings receiving project-based assistance: WAP providers should refer to these lists to determine the percentage of the units in each building that are income eligible. Privately-owned multifamily buildings that house residents receiving tenant-based assistance: WAP providers will determine the percentage of income eligible residences

by either contacting the building owner/manager to obtain such Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher records (from HUD’s Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program [TBRA]) or by individually verifying which residents hold such vouchers.

Specific eligibility in multifamily buildings is addressed in 10 CFR 40.22(b)(2), which states: Not less than 66 percent (50 percent for duplexes and four-unit buildings, and certain eligible types of large multifamily buildings) of the dwelling units in the building: i) Are eligible dwelling units, or ii) Will become eligible dwelling units within 180 days under a Federal, State, or local government program for rehabilitating the building or making similar improvements to the building. DOE’s initial expectation is Grantees will target buildings with 5 or more units wherein between 66 – 100 percent of the occupants meet the income eligibility requirements. However, DOE acknowledges in the regulations there are certain buildings where 50 percent eligibility is a more appropriate threshold. DOE is explicit in establishing that this lower threshold is appropriate in duplex and four-unit buildings. In addition, in the Interim Final Rule to update 10 CFR 440 DOE provided guidance on what types of large multifamily buildings may be subject to the 50 percent threshold. (65 FR 77210, Dec. 8, 2000). DOE indicated that “certain eligible types of large multifamily buildings” are those buildings for which an investment of DOE funds would result in significant energy-efficiency improvement because of the upgrades to equipment, energy systems, common space, or the building shell. (Id. at 77215) Grantees should exercise caution when using flexibility in this area. DOE’s key interest is seeing the investment of DOE funds coupled with leveraged resources result in significant energy savings. Grantees should determine the definition of “significant energy savings” (definition should be included in annual State Plan) for their building stock and be able to articulate how “certain large multifamily” are designated. Grantees should consult with their DOE Project Officer if more information is necessary to adequately define when this flexibility should be used.

Describe Reweathering compliance

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 amended 42 USC 6865(c)(2) to read as follows:

*"Dwelling units weatherized (including dwelling units partially weatherized) under this part, or under other Federal programs (in this paragraph referred to as 'previous weatherization'), may not receive further financial assistance for weatherization under this part until the date that is 15 years after the date such previous weatherization from receiving assistance and services (including the provision of information and education to assist with energy management and evaluation of the effectiveness of installed weatherization materials other than weatherization under this part or under other Federal programs, or from receiving non-Federal assistance for weatherization."*

For reweatherization, the client's file must be closed for at least 15 years after the date the final inspection was completed and no further follow up was required. Subgrantees must document that the applicant meets eligibility criteria for DOE WAP BIL services and conduct a new home energy audit. Reweathering protocol shall match that of a new client with the exception that the dwelling unit was weatherized at least 15 years ago, from the date that the last final inspection was completed.

Subgrantees retain new records of all weatherized dwellings for a minimum of three years from the day the grant is closed and keep a list of homes that have been weatherized. The retained records include the date of weatherization and a description of DOE funds and other funds used for weatherization of a particular dwelling.

If a Subgrantee wishes to serve homes located in disaster area, they shall abide by DOE guidance, WPN 12-7, which addresses Disaster Planning and Relief. Subgrantees follow the appropriate procedures when initiating reweatherization measures of these dwelling units.

Describe what structures are eligible for weatherization

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Eligible dwelling units per 10 CFR §440 includes rental or owner-occupied single-family dwellings, manufactured homes, multi-family buildings up to 24 units, and shelters. To receive weatherization services, a manufactured home must be a permanent, stationary, full-time residential dwelling. Buildings with 25 or more units may be weatherized with prior approval from the state. Non-stationary campers and trailers are not allowed to receive weatherization services.

Property fifty years old or older must be reviewed for possible historic status or features and shall be weatherized only in such a way as complies with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) Programmatic Agreement.

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Describe how Rental Units/Multifamily Buildings will be addressed

Subgrantees may weatherize any rental unit including dwelling units in a small multi-family building using Hawaii's supplemental priority list, which was approved by DOE on March 3, 2020. Small multi-family buildings are defined as having 5 to 24 dwelling units in the building. Prior to weatherization of any rental unit, written permission of the building owner or their agent is required. Subgrantees will also have the property owner sign a Landlord Cooperation Agreement, attached as Other Master Landlord Agreement, to help identify the direct benefits of the weatherization work and ensure the benefits accrue primarily to the low-income client, in accordance with 10 CFR §440.22(b)(3)(i). The landlord tenant agreement prevents the landlord from evicting the tenant or from increasing rent, unless the eviction or rent increase is demonstrably related to matters other than the weatherization work performed. In accordance with 10 CFR §440.22(b)(3), the landlord tenant agreement also requires cooperation from the landlord in supporting the goals of these WAP weatherization installations. Subgrantees may use their own versions of a landlord tenant agreement provided that it complies with all applicable policies and procedures regarding rentals as described in Hawaii's WAP Policies and Procedures Manual. DLIR-OCS will update WAP Policies and Procedures, and the finalized version will be sent to DOE PO and Technical PO, which will then be distributed to Subgrantees.

In instances where a tenant does not pay for utilities directly, Subgrantees must ensure the weatherization benefits accrue to the low-income tenants. The Subgrantee needs to demonstrate in sufficient detail how the benefits of weatherization work will accrue to primarily the low-income tenants of the eligible multi-family building. A combination of at least three of the following benefits which include, but are not limited to:

- Longer term preservation of the property as affordable housing;
- Continuation of protection against rent increases beyond that required under the WAP regulations (10 CFR §440.22(b)(3)(ii));
- Investment of the energy savings in facilities or services that offer measurable direct benefits to tenants;
- Investment of the energy savings from the weatherization work in specific health and safety improvements with measurable benefits to tenants;
- Improvements to ventilation and to heat and hot water distribution to improve the comfort of residents;
- Establishment of a shared savings program; and
- Generic assertions such as "tenant services will be improved" or "weatherization will improve health and safety" are not sufficient to demonstrate that the accrual of benefits requirement is met.

To weatherize multi-family buildings with more than 24 dwelling units, Subgrantees will work with the property owner to document that not less than 66 percent of the dwelling units in the building are income eligible or will become income eligible dwelling units within 180 days under a Federal, State, or local government program, in accordance with 10 CFR §440.22(b)(2). Since Hawaii does not have an approved priority list or field guide for large multi-family buildings, DLIR-OCS will work with Subgrantees to submit each building to DOE for review and approval prior to proceeding with weatherization work (per WPNs 22-12 and 19-4). For HUD assisted buildings, DLIR-OCS will follow the procedures in WPN 22-5 and complete the HUD property certification process, including submission of the:

1. Property Self Certification form that specifies that the building in question meets DOE's income eligibility requirements, and
2. Property Occupancy Report from current property records that confirm compliance with DOE's income eligibility requirements.



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Per WPN 22-12, individual units with a multi-family building must meet specific criteria and be approved by DOE on a case by case basis prior to weatherization. Hawaii's policy is to weatherize the entire multi-family building whenever possible. For buildings that do not meet the 66% eligibility rule, DLIR-OCS will work with DOE to address individual units, where applicable.

References to the specific eligibility of multi-family buildings is addressed in 10 CFR §440.22(b)(2). DLIR-OCS defines "certain eligible types of large multi-family buildings" as privately owned multi-family buildings. In accordance with 10 CFR §440.22(b), Subgrantees will ensure that a minimum of 50 percent of the dwelling units in duplexes, four-unit buildings, and "certain eligible types of large multifamily buildings" occupied by a family that meets the income requirements. Subgrantees must submit a Property Self-Certification form and a Property Occupancy Report to HUD and DOE, in accordance with Weatherization Program Notice 22-5. To weatherize "certain eligible types of large multi-family buildings," Subgrantees must obtain the landlord and tenant's signatures on the Landlord Cooperation Agreement. Signed copies of this document will be provided to both the tenant and the property owner.

**Describe the deferral Process**

Deferral does not mean that assistance will never be available, but that any work deemed beyond the scope of WAP BIL must be postponed until the problems are resolved. When there are major health, safety, or other circumstances that render the dwelling unit untenable, unsafe, or infeasible for weatherization installation, the Subgrantee may decide whether to defer work in a dwelling unit or to not provide weatherization services. The issues that could result in deferral of services include but are not limited to:

- Major roof leakage;
- Major foundation damage;
- Major moisture problem, including mold infestation;
- Major plumbing problems;
- Human or animal waste in the home;
- Major electrical problems or fire hazards;
- The home is vacant, or the client is moving; and
- The home is for sale.

Behavioral issues may also be a reason to defer services to a client, including but not limited to:

- Illegal activity on the premises;
- Occupant's hoarding makes difficult or impossible to perform a complete audit; and
- Lack of cooperation by the client.

Should deferral be appropriate, the Subgrantee provides a written Weatherization Deferral Notice to the clients with photographic evidence or documentation of reason for deferral. A copy of the deferral with photographic evidence or documentation must be placed in client file. The client will be given 30 days to take corrective action. Subgrantees will make reasonable efforts to find or direct clients to alternative assistance when DOE funds are unable to address conditions that lead to deferral. When possible, the deferral notice shall include a list of potential agencies or resources that can address the specific issues that precludes a client from receiving DOE WAP BIL services. If the client is able to take corrective action within 30 days, then work will resume as soon as possible. The client is able to reapply once the problem on the Deferral Notice has been corrected. If the problem is not corrected within 30 days, the Subgrantee will change the status of the job to inactive. If the client resolves the problem after 30 days of receiving the deferral notice, the Subgrantee will review and reconfirm client eligibility and priority documented in the client file. Client may submit an appeal in writing within 10 business days to the Subgrantee by providing an explanation and supporting documentation for why weatherization should continue. Appeals will be reviewed by the Subgrantee's WAP BIL program staff and the Subgrantee's Executive Director will provide the final decision. The Subgrantee will respond to appeals in writing within 30 days of receiving appeals.

Deferral measures are reference in the Hawaii Weatherization Field Guide, attached as Other\_Master\_Field Guide.

**V.1.3 Definition of Children**

Definition of children (below age): **19**

**V.1.4 Approach to Tribal Organizations**

Recommend tribal organization(s) be treated as local applicant?

If YES, Recommendation. If NO, Statement that assistance to low-income tribe members and other low-income persons is equal.

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Currently, there is no federally recognized tribal organization in the State of Hawaii.

### V.2 Selection of Areas to Be Served

Weatherization assistance is needed and provided statewide to all four counties: the City and County of Honolulu, Kauai County, Maui County, and Hawaii County. The PY22 WAP Subgrantees will provide services for WAP BIL PY2022 through PY2027. If at any time during the program year, a Subgrantee is unable to meet WAP BIL requirements, terminates its weatherization contract, or has excess funds, DLIR-OCS has the option of reallocating the funds among the remaining Subgrantees.

### V.3 Priorities

Priority for service delivery is given to elderly people, people with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high energy burden, in compliance with 10 CFR §440.16 and 10 CFR §440.22. Once a potential client has filled out the intake form, the Subgrantee determines eligibility and ranks them on a point system, giving more points on the basis of priorities listed in 10 CFR §440.16. Application eligibility expires twelve months from certification date if work on dwelling unit (energy audit) has not been initiated. Subgrantees are required to re-verify eligibility and income at expiration in order to maintain a current certification date.

### V.4 Climatic Conditions

Due to Hawaii's tropical climate, Hawaii only experiences two seasons, winter and summer. Hawaii's summer is between the months of May and September, and winter is between the months of October and April. During the summer, Hawaii experiences an increase in temperature, humidity, and sun intensity with a decrease in trade winds; and during the winter, Hawaii experiences heavy rain and lower temperatures. The following links summarize Hawaii's climate:

- Hawaii Average Precipitation (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mPn.gif>)
- Precipitation Departure from Average (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mPdep.gif>)
- Heating Degree Days in Hawaii (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mHdd.gif>)
- Heating Degree Days Departure from Average (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mHdddep.gif>)
- Cooling Degree Days in Hawaii (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mCdd.gif>)
- Cooling Degree Days Departure from Average (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mCdddep.gif>)
- Average Temperature (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mTv.gif>)
- Average Max Temperature (<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/anomimage.pl?haw12mTx.gif>)

### V.5 Type of Weatherization Work to Be Done

#### V.5.1 Technical Guides and Materials

The Hawaii Standard Work Specifications (SWS) Field Guide can provide subgrantees with guidance in addition to the 10 CFR §440 and 2 CFR §200. Before DLIR-OCS contracts the Subgrantees, they are required to submit a quality assurance plan that provides, in detail, their procedures to ensure all Federal, State and County requirements are being met.

Currently, weatherization services include;

- Intake;
- Assessment and audit;
- Energy saving measures;
- Energy education;
- Verification of work; and

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- Monitoring energy usage and savings.

Installation measures are dependent on the energy audit that the Subgrantee conducts for each household. Currently, there are eight approved weatherization measures in the Approved Hawaii Priority List that applies to single family homes and multi-family buildings with units of four or less (DOE approved on July 7, 2021, effective December 19, 2021). The following measures are listed in the order of highest to lowest in terms of cost effectiveness:

- Low-Flow Showerheads;
- Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs (CFLs) or Light-Emitting Diodes (LEDs);
- Advanced Power Strips;
- Small Room Air Conditioners (6-15,000 Btu/h cooling capacity) Replacement\*;
- Solar Water Heater or Hybrid Heat Pump Water Heater Installation;
- Refrigerator Replacement; and
- Large Room Air Conditioner (18,000 Btu/h cooling capacity) Replacement for Hawaii Island, Kauai, Lanai and Molokai only\*.

\* Air conditioner replacements may only be installed if the occupant is at-risk as defined by documented medical reasons for needing air conditioning. More information can be found in the Health and Safety Plan.

All Subgrantee agreements and vendor contracts, active in PY 2017 and beyond, include language that clearly documents the SWS specifications for work quality outlined in WPN 22-4. A digital copy of the Hawaii Weatherization Field Guide (Field Guide) can be accessed online at <http://labor.hawaii.gov/ocs/serviceprogramsindex/weatherizationassistanceprogram/>. By signing PY2022 WAP BIL contracts with DLIR-OCS, Subgrantees acknowledge they received the Field Guide and are held accountable to make sure all weatherization work meets or exceeds the standards set forth in the Field Guide. DLIR-OCS will ensure that Subgrantees are providing their contractors with the required information on their expectation of work quality and program guidance by including the following language in their contract:

1. Subgrantee must certify it has informed contractors that work must meet the standards as outlined in the Hawaii Weatherization Field Guide and the Standard Work Specifications. This certification must be done annually, and must be signed off by the Subgrantee and an authorized employee of the contractor company.
2. All energy audits performed by the Subgrantee or it's contractor will meet or exceed the requirements set forth in Weatherization Program Notice 19-4.

During on-site monitoring, DLIR-OCS will ensure that the language and required signatures for the Field Guide are in the Subgrantee contractor files. Subgrantees will ensure that all contractors sign the final inspection form to indicate that the SWS Field Guide procedures and standards were implemented in the installation of the weatherization measures. (See Hawaii Priority List Attachment.)

Field guide types approval dates

Single-Family: Manufactured Housing: Multi-Family:
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**V.5.2 Energy Audit Procedures**

Audit Procedures and Dates Most Recently Approved by DOE

Audit Procedure: Single-Family Audit Name: Priority List Approval Date:
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Audit Procedure: Manufactured Housing Audit Name: Priority List Approval Date:
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Audit Procedure: Multi-Family Audit Name: No Audit/Priority List for this building type Approval Date:
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A pre-installation evaluation, a post-installation evaluation, and an evaluation three and six months after the final inspection are conducted by the Subgrantees. The data collected from these evaluations will be used to examine the client's energy cost at the given time to determine the efficiency and productivity of the weatherized measures installed in the dwelling.

DOE approved Hawaii's WAP energy audit procedures and priority list on July 7, 2021 and became effective on December 19, 2021.

DLIR-OCS updated Hawaii's Weatherization Field Guide and was approved by DOE on March 23, 2022.

**V.5.3 Final Inspection**

In accordance with 10 CFR §440.21, to complete installation of weatherization services for a dwelling, the Subgrantee or its authorized representative conducts a final inspection of the dwelling unit to certify that all weatherization and mechanical work has been completed in a quality manner, is in compliance with applicable rules and codes, and is in accordance with the priorities determined by the audit.

Due to the type of weatherization done in the State of Hawaii and geographical location, Hawaii has an exemption for Certified Quality Control Inspectors (QCI) as per WPN 22-4. Therefore, the final inspector needs to be trained on the specific measures the State of Hawaii implements, but does not need to go through the QCI training.

The Hawaii SWS Field Guide aligns with WPN 22-4, which governs the quality control inspection process and outlines disciplinary actions for inadequate inspection practices. The inspector conducts a final inspection of all weatherized dwellings, which includes photos of the weatherized dwelling to show visual proof of installation and compliance to verify the following:

- Review all completed work with the client;
- Confirm that the client is satisfied;
- Specify corrective actions whenever the work does not meet standards; and
- Verify that all required paperwork, with required signatures, is in the client file.

Deficiencies identified due to monitoring may require corrective action, which will be identified through the service provider's monitoring report. The provider must make the necessary corrections in a timely manner agreed upon by OCS and the provider. The date that the service provider must implement the corrective action cannot be less than 30 days.

If the provider fails to make the necessary corrections by the agreed upon date, OCS reserves the right to temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiencies, suspend the award, re-distribute the available funds, or terminate the contract.

**V.6 Weatherization Analysis of Effectiveness**

The effectiveness of the Subgrantee's weatherization work is assessed using monthly program reports that reflect the targeted number of outcomes, the number of homes that were weatherized, the measures that were implemented, and the status of applicants and potential applicants. In addition, the Subgrantees submit a narrative to DLIR-OCS with a more detailed account of what the Subgrantee did within the month.

Through the monthly report, the Program Specialist is able to see the variance between the targeted outcomes and the current outcomes per Subgrantee. This allows the Program Specialist to have a high level of awareness of the progression of each Subgrantee towards meeting their contracted outcomes and effectiveness.

**V.7 Health and Safety**

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(See Health and Safety Attachment.) Grantee does not have a separate Health and Safety budget category. The Subgrantees include this expense in their installation costs and can be tracked in monthly fiscal report.

DLIR-OCS currently revising Health and Safety plan to align with Hawaii's climate and priority list.

## V.8 Program Management

### V.8.1 Overview and Organization

Administratively attached to DLIR, OCS was created by the State Legislature in 1985. This legislation is codified as Chapter 371K, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

DLIR-OCS collaborates with various public and private agencies to assist Hawaii's low-income, immigrant, and refugee populations to overcome and alleviate barriers to economic self-sufficiency through an array of community-based programs and services. The primary purpose of DLIR-OCS is "to facilitate and enhance the development, delivery, and coordination of effective programs for those in need and to provide advice and assistance to the agencies of the executive branch in the human service field, and the legislature."

The DLIR-OCS office is located in the Princess Keelikolani building at 830 Punchbowl Street, Room 420, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813, telephone (808) 586-8675; fax (808) 586-8685.

### V.8.2 Administrative Expenditure Limits

WAP Memorandum 075 and Section 1011(g) of the Energy Act of 2020 includes language that will amend 42 U.S. Code § 6865 (a)(1) language on administrative funds, such that the administrative cost category will now be increased from 10 percent to 15 percent. The State of Hawaii will allocate 15 percent of the total award with a direct split between itself and the Subgrantees.

### V.8.3 Monitoring Activities

DLIR-OCS goals for monitoring WAP BIL activities include:

1. Analyzing service delivery, program performance, and quality and effectiveness of the work on completed dwelling units.
2. Determining program compliance and accountability.
3. Identifying problems, deficiencies, and areas for program improvement.
4. Assisting Subgrantees in their program operations and compliance with DOE and State regulations.
5. Advising Subgrantees on how to correct any weaknesses and deficiencies.
6. Assessing the need for training and technical assistance to improve local agency service delivery, cost-effectiveness, and accountability.
7. Assessing how Subgrantees, contractors, and anyone installing weatherization measures abide by the standards and technical requirements as stated in the updated Hawaii Weatherization Field Guide provided on the DLIR-OCS website: <http://labor.hawaii.gov/ocs/service-programs-index/weatherization-assistance-program/>.
8. Determining ways that monitoring activities can be improved.

In accordance with 10 CFR §440.23 and to achieve the defined goals based on the principles stated above, DLIR-OCS monitors and evaluates the operations of projects carried out by Subgrantees by performing periodic monitoring reviews of the fiscal, programmatic, and field functions of Subgrantees through:

1. Desk monitoring: DLIR-OCS will review and track all available Subgrantee reports for progress, expenditures, timeliness, audit findings, and resolution of findings.
2. Subgrantee Agency On-Site Monitoring Visits: Each Subgrantee receives at least one monitoring visit per year. Additional visits are scheduled as needed to address specific Subgrantee issues as they arise. Included in these visits are:
  - Fiscal Monitoring:
    - Review of financial records;
    - Review of purchasing and bidding practices;

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- Review of payroll and documentation;
- Review of travel records;
- Review of vendor payments; and
- Reviews last fiscal audit.
- Program Monitoring:
  - Client files;
  - Weatherization materials, tools, equipment, and inventory;
  - Client scheduling practices;
  - Safety policies and practices; and
  - Ten percent of all weatherized units.

DLIR-OCS observes the following procedures for monitoring:

1. Monitoring visits will be scheduled in advance with the Subgrantee. DLIR-OCS will work with each Subgrantee agency to select monitoring dates. If traveling becomes a health and safety issue, instead of conducting an on-site monitoring visit DLIR-OCS will conduct desk monitoring and hold a teleconference call with the Subgrantee.
2. Prior to the agreed upon monitoring date, Subgrantees will be given at least ten business days to prepare and submit requested fiscal and program documents for desk review. Desk reviews will include but are not limited to, examining application intake and pre-assessment procedures; energy audit and home inspection process; deferral cases incidents; prioritization of clients; and training and technical assistance activities.
3. Upon arrival at the Subgrantee's office, or at the start of the teleconference call, DLIR-OCS will conduct an entrance interview with the appropriate agency personnel to explain the purpose of the visit, records and information needed, and the planned timeframe of the visit. The Subgrantee's Weatherization Coordinator or equivalent staff must be available at all times during the on-site monitoring visit, or teleconference call.
4. Inspection of weatherized dwelling units is to ensure the continuance of quality work and to address any problems. DLIR-OCS will conduct inspections on:
  - a. At least 10 percent of the units reported as completed will have an on-site monitoring inspection;
  - b. At least 10 percent of the units reported as completed will have files reviewed;
  - c. Spot checks will be made by the Program Specialist of the material on hand at the Subgrantees' storage as well as materials already installed;
  - d. If traveling becomes a health and safety issue, instead of conducting on-site inspections, DLIR-OCS will ask Subgrantees to provide certification that their WAP Coordinator or equivalent staff conducted verification visits for at least 10% of units reported as completed.
5. DLIR-OCS will conduct an exit interview with the Weatherization Coordinator and all other staff of the Subgrantee as DLIR-OCS considers appropriate based on the information received during the monitoring visit. The exit interview will include a review of the monitoring analysis.
6. Each monitoring inspection will be documented by a report prepared by DLIR-OCS's monitoring staff. DLIR-OCS will send a copy of the report to the Subgrantee 30 days after the conclusion of the monitoring visit or teleconference call. The monitoring report will identify any corrective action that needs to be taken, and it will also identify each unit visited or inspected by DLIR-OCS. If a monitoring report identifies matters for which DLIR-OCS believes that corrective action must be taken, the Subgrantee shall respond fully within 30 days after receiving the report.
7. Action for removal of a Subgrantee from the program: If DLIR-OCS determines after monitoring that a Subgrantee is materially failing to provide services in accordance with its contract with DLIR-OCS, DLIR-OCS may initiate proceedings to terminate financial assistance to that Subgrantee pursuant to 10 CFR §440.15(e) and §440.30.
8. Monitoring should not be a "one-time event." To be an effective tool for avoiding problems and improving performance, monitoring must involve an on-going process of planning, implementation, communication, and follow-up.
9. During an onsite monitoring visit, the DLIR-OCS team will review the Subgrantee's program, administration, management and technical activities. In addition, DLIR-OCS will conduct onsite visits to selected clients to assess how the Subgrantees installed weatherization to the house. The clients will be selected in coordination with the Subgrantee, and the visit will include reviewing a sample of in-process and completed units diverse in housing type (single family, multifamily and manufactured housing), fuel sources and other variables such as energy audits vs. priority list, lead safe practices, etc.).

Monitoring visits, in-person and remote, will help identify training and technical assistance needs for Subgrantees and DLIR-OCS. As such, T&TA funds may be used to cover monitoring expenses.

DLIR-OCS will monitor Subgrantees on the following tentative schedules:

- 2023 - March
- 2024 - March
- 2025 - March
- 2026 - March
- 2027 - March

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Of DLIR-OCS's \$50,000.00 allocated to Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA), \$6,000 (12%) is budgeted for airfare, rental car, parking, and per diem to monitor the three providers that are not located on the island of Oahu where DLIR-OCS is located. Each monitoring travel cost is estimated to be \$400.00. The remaining \$44,000 of T&TA is budgeted for the Program Specialist to attend national conferences and pay the annual NASCSP dues.

DLIR-OCS will increase the frequency of onsite monitoring from once a year to twice a year if significant deficiencies were found during monitoring. DLIR-OCS will also increase its weatherized household percentage inspection during that time to address some deficiencies and concerns found during the previous monitoring period.

**V.8.4 Training and Technical Assistance Approach and Activities**

T&TA funds are budgeted for both DLIR-OCS and Subgrantees to attend weatherization specific trainings. DLIR-OCS ensures that Subgrantees have adequate training and technical assistance available to maintain and improve performance and work quality. Each Subgrantee must submit a monthly Fiscal and Program report that will reflect the usage of T&TA funds with supporting documents. DLIR-OCS will track and record each monthly Fiscal and Program report through documentation of hard copy, soft copy on the computer files and excel spreadsheet. Each Subgrantee is allocated with T&TA funds intended for WAP staff to attend comprehensive and specific trainings offered by Energy OutWest, NASCSP, Building Performance Association, and other DOE-approved IREC accredited organizations. As the State of Hawaii does not have any in-state IREC accredited training programs, DLIR-OCS will coordinate trainings with IREC accredited training providers to provide virtual trainings specifically for the Subgrantees to continue improving WAP knowledge and best practices. T&TA needs are assessed through monitoring visits, email requests, detailed evaluation from regional training sessions, and monthly program reports. A portion of DLIR-OCS's T&TA funds will be used to pay annual NASCSP membership dues to continue partnering with NASCSP to provide trainings for Subgrantees, and utilize as a resource for guidance on federal requirements. DLIR-OCS may also use T&TA funds to conduct on-site monitoring visits during PY 2022, depending on COVID-19 travel restrictions at that time.

Subgrantees are required to have all individuals that are either full-time or part-time Inspectors receive regular comprehensive training. In order to maintain program transparency, Subgrantees are required to identify all Final Inspectors on staff. Subgrantees are responsible for ensuring that WAP Final Inspectors are trained and in compliance with all DLIR-OCS's WAP Policies and Procedures, and Hawaii's approved Field Guide. DLIR-OCS ensures that untrained Subgrantee WAP staff are supervised while weatherizing homes to ensure accuracy and quality of work is conducted. Subgrantees will notify DLIR-OCS's Program Specialist of new WAP hires, weatherization -related experience they have, and who will be supervising them in field until they receive the necessary trainings to properly weatherize homes. When Subgrantees complete trainings, Subgrantees will send DLIR-OCS confirmation of registrations and certificates of completion for each staff enrolled.

DLIR-OCS's T&TA activities for program year 2022-2027 may consist of the following:

July 2022 - June 2027 - DLIR-OCS will check in quarterly with Subgrantee's WAP staff via conference calls to provide technical support. Discussions may include agency training needs and concerns.

DLIR-OCS will host annual training conferences on OAHU for all Subgrantees to participate in. Training sessions will be specific to Hawaii's WAP and the Subgrantees' training needs.

Due to the type of weatherization done in the State of Hawaii and the geographical location, Hawaii has an exemption for certified Quality Control Inspectors (QCI). Therefore, Final Inspectors need to be trained on the specific measures Hawaii's WAP installs, but does not need to go through the QCI training and get certified. DLIR-OCS will work with NASCSP to find IREC accredited Weatherization Training Centers to provide Subgrantees with specific training on-job task as needed.

DLIR-OCS subgrantees plans to promote workforce development and attract new staff personnel with the use of T&TA funding.

**Percent of overall trainings**

Comprehensive Trainings:	50.0
Specific Trainings:	50.0

**Breakdown of T&TA training budget**

Percent of budget allocated to Auditor/QCI trainings:	50.0
Percent of budget allocated to Crew/Installer trainings:	50.0
Percent of budget allocated to Management/Financial trainings:	0.0

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**V.9 Energy Crisis and Disaster Plan**

The State of Hawaii's Energy Crisis Plan can be found here (<http://files.hawaii.gov/dbedt/op/docs/Energy.pdf>). Hawaii has the Hawaii's Emergency Management Agency that coordinates services during disasters, issues disaster warnings, and educates the community about disaster preparedness (<http://scd.hawaii.gov/index.htm>).