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California DOE WAP Weatherization Readiness Fund Plan

To address deferral issues in Program Year 2022 under the Annual 2022 U.S. Department of Energy’s Weatherization Assistance Program (DOE WAP), the California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD) will use the Weatherization Readiness Funds (WRF) as described below. These funds are to be used for DOE WAP jobs where deferral was initially required due to a condition beyond the regular weatherization program scope. These funds will allow the identified deferral condition to be corrected (within the limits of this guidance/plan) and for weatherization work to resume and result in a completed DOE unit. The WRF does not apply to funding related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Each subgrantee will receive a WRF allocation based on expected units eligible and ready for WRF for PY 2022. The allocations are outlined below.

Subgrantee	WRF Allocation*
Central Coast Energy Services	\$ 59,144.80
Community Action Partnership of Orange County (Orange)	\$ 25,000.00
Community Resource Project, Inc.	\$ 59,144.80
Campesinos Unidos, Inc.	\$ 59,144.80
Central Valley Opportunity Center, Inc.	\$ 30,000.00
Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission	\$ 15,000.00
Maravilla Foundation	\$ 59,144.80
Merced County Community Action Agency	\$ 59,144.80
Pacific Asian Consortium in Employment	\$ 15,000.00
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, Inc.	\$ 30,000.00
*Each awarded subgrantee shall receive a small administration allocation to assist with the additional data requirements of the WRF.	

WRF Maximum Average Cost Per Unit

The maximum WRF average cost per unit (WRF ACPU) in California will be \$13,000. The maximum WRF ACPU is both separate and higher than the ACPU for weatherization services. For reference, the ACPU for the 2022 DOE WAP Program year is \$8,009.

WRF Process

Homes that have been previously deferred and still are eligible for program services will be the first to receive services. For all other WRF needs, subgrantees must follow the same priority and ranking used for weatherization. Once it has been determined that WRF money will be used on a dwelling, the subgrantee must document the actions to be taken to make the dwelling ready for weatherization, the entity performing the actual work, and the cost of the work. This information will be documented on the new Weatherization Readiness Funds Unit Tracker. Once the readiness work has been completed, the dwelling must immediately receive weatherization services and be documented as a DOE WAP unit.

Restrictions on WRF

Any dwelling that receives WRF money must result in a completed DOE unit. If WRF money is used on a dwelling and the dwelling does not result in a completed DOE unit, the subgrantee must reimburse DOE the amount of WRF money spent on the dwelling with non-state, non-federal funds. WRF money must be tracked separately from other DOE funding.

Repairs Eligible for WRF Money

The following is a non-comprehensive list of repairs that are eligible for WRF money. Items not on this list can be implemented based on the discretion of the subgrantee after discussions with OEO.

- Mold remediation
- Pest infestation
- Roof repair/replacement
- Asbestos remediation
- Structure repair
- Wall repair (interior and exterior)
- Ceiling repair
- Floor repair
- Plumbing repair (including sewer/septic repair)
- Exterior drainage repairs (e.g., landscaping or gutters, bulk moisture control)
- Electrical upgrade or repair
- Insulation preparation
- Infiltration reduction
- Incidental Repairs that if included in the Savings-to-Investment Ratio (SIR) calculations, would cause a unit to not be cost effective
- Repairs not previously listed as incidental repair because of high cost or other reasons
- Leak repair
- Other (as needed to correct dwelling deferrals – must be pre-approved by CSD)

Units that need work that is beyond what WRF and weatherization assistance that other funding sources can provide will be deferred following the regular deferral policy.

WRF Tracking

WRF funds will be tracked in two ways. First, subgrantees will indicate WRF expenditures in CSD's online reporting system. Second, subgrantees will utilize the new Weatherization Readiness Funds Unit Tracker for reporting various WRF measure(s) conducted on a unit. As indicated above, the maximum WRF ACPU in California will be \$13,000.

Photographs

It is expected that each unit that receives WRF funding will require photographic documentation of the conditions requiring the WRF work and any additional supporting documentation to validate the use of WRF funds as collected by the subgrantee. These pictures and all other supporting documentation must be included in the client file of the completed unit to substantiate the use of WRF funds to support the finalization of weatherization.

Due to the nature of this new funding, CSD may request a sample of DOE WRF jobs for desk monitoring, which may include requests for pictures of completed work.