

# **CONNECTICUT STATE PLAN FOR US DOE WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME PERSONS PROGRAM YEAR 2019**

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Low Income Energy Advisory Board  
Hartford, CT



Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

# Weatherization Assistance Program Purpose

## **The Purpose and Scope of the Federal Weatherization Assistance Program**

- To increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons .... and improve their health and safety, especially low-income persons who are particularly vulnerable.
- [10 CFR 440](#)



# Connecticut State Plan Purpose

The State Plan is a component of CT's application to US DOE for implementation of the Weatherization Assistance Program for Low-Income Persons and documents:

1. How CT WAP plans to **ensure delivery** of quality, effective services to households eligible for the Connecticut Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
2. How CT WAP plans to **continuously improve** program effectiveness
3. How CT WAP **complies** with 10 CFR 440



# State Application Timeline

Milestone	Date
Notice of Public Hearing and Public Comment Period Issued	March 26, 2019
Draft PY 19 State Plan and PY 19 Budget Posted	March 26, 2019
Meeting with LIEAB on the CT WAP State Plan	April 3, 2019
Public Hearing on the 2019 CT WAP Draft State Plan	April 10, 2019
Written Comment period ends	April 24, 2019
Application deadline to DOE	May 1, 2019
Start of Program Year 2019	July 1, 2019



# Proposed State Plan for Program Year 2019

- The same five service areas will be used for Federal Program Year 2019 that were used in Program Year 2018.
- We will continue to provide services through the Community Renewal Team and will identify additional resources in Program Year 2019.
- During Program Year 2019, DEEP will continuously assess regional allocations of the budget and responsibilities, to ensure service delivery to the maximum extent provided in the federal allocation.
- DEEP will continuously assess the best way to implement the program for future years and welcomes input from stakeholders.



# Connecticut State Plan: Key Components

- The federal allocation consists of Program Dollars and Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) funds
- Fixed budget items provided per DOE guidance such as Administration, Insurances, Financial Audit, Training and Technical Assistance
- Health and safety budget provided (14.86%) from WAP funds
- State budget **allocation formula** is based on census data for each municipality, including population, income levels, percent of children and elderly, and climate
- Service delivery is prioritized for homes with elderly residents, young children, and persons with disabilities, as well as for households with high energy use and households with a high energy burden



# Goal: Ensuring Delivery of Quality Services

## **A. Statewide training for the Subgrantee(s)**

- Funds for training
- Includes plan for a full range of comprehensive and regular training
- For example:
  - Quality Control Inspector certifications, re-certifications
  - OSHA, HazMat Awareness, EPA RRP
  - Other BPI certifications

## **B. Health and Safety Budgets**

- Developed proportionally to allocated funding and are reflective of the CT housing stock

## **C. Dedicated webpage for Subgrantee(s)**

- Provide a consolidated resource for guidance, field manuals, reporting forms, Connecticut Subgrantee's information and documentation page



# Regulatory Compliance

- US DOE regulations require consideration of program effectiveness prior to entering into new contracts with agencies
- CT Operations and Training Manual - Section 105.2 (Production Goals) establishes that if production falls substantially below the projected schedule of production the State may re-distribute all or any portion of the funds allocated to a subgrantee
- DEEP welcomes comments on the level of service being received at the local level





# Proposed State Plan for Federal Program Year 19

## Key Elements of State Plan

- V1.1 Eligibility
- V.2 Areas To Be Served
- V.3 Priorities
- V.7.2 Administrative Expenditure Limits
- V.7.3 Monitoring Activities
- V.7.4 Training and Technical Assistance



# Allocations for Federal Program Year 2019

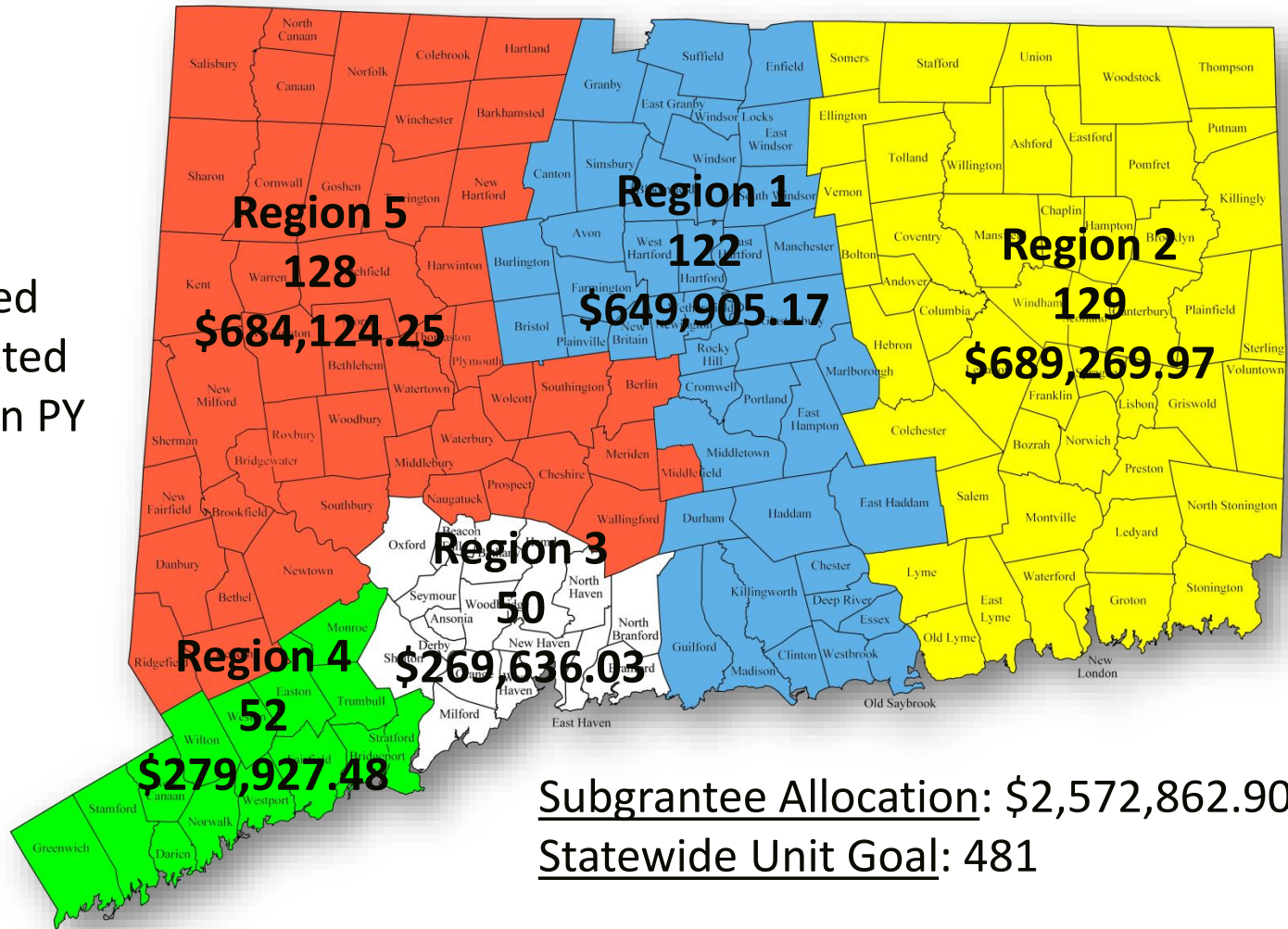
CURRENT PY 2019 PROGRAM ALLOCATION

\$2,587,105



# Funding & Unit Goals for CT WAP Regions PY19

- This is the proposed budget and projected unit goals based on PY 19 funding



# Funding and Unit Goals for CT WAP Regions PY19

CURRENT PY 2019 SUBGRANTEE ALLOCATION

\$2,572,862.90

ESTIMATED PY 2017 & 2018 CARRY FORWARD

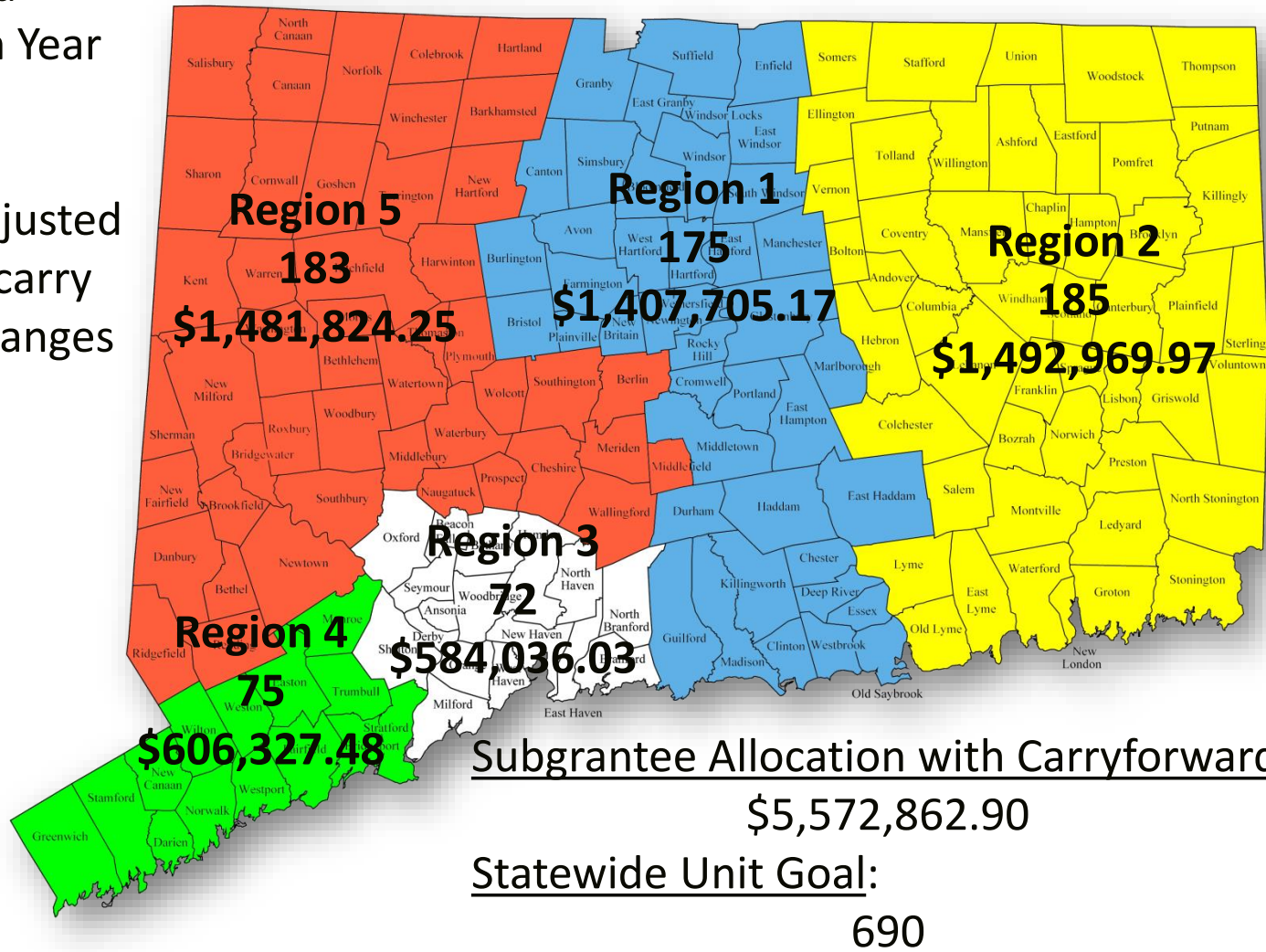
\$3,000,000

\* SUBGRANTEE ALLOCATION = PROGRAM+SUBGRANTEE T&TA



# Funding & Unit Goals for CT WAP Regions PY19

- This is the proposed budget for Program Year 2019
- Numbers will be adjusted if the allocation or carry forward amount changes



# Program Year 18 Summary (as of March 29, 2019)

- Community Renewal Team is providing weatherization services statewide
- Services are being provided to 179 homes to date
- Estimated projection for homes serviced by June 30, 2019 is 259
- Program costs incurred to date = \$378,750.48

Region	Units Served to Date
Region 1 (Central)	75
Region 2 (East)	41
Region 3 (Greater New Haven)	23
Region 4 (Southwest)	26
Region 5 (West)	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>179</b>



# Public Comments Welcome

Written Comments Accepted Through:  
April 24, 2019 4:00 PM

Email: [DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov](mailto:DEEP.EnergyBureau@ct.gov)

or

US Mail To:

CT WAP, Office of Energy Demand  
Bureau of Energy and Technology Policy  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051

Verbal Comments are welcome at the public hearing on:  
April 10, 2019 11:30 – 1:00 pm in Hearing Room 3  
10 Franklin Square  
New Britain, CT 06051



# DEEP Seeking Feedback from You

- How could the process of developing the CT WAP State Plan be improved?
- Is there any interest in a workshop to enhance your participation in program development?
- Are there partnerships at the local level that you recommend we involve to better ensure residents are aware of the opportunities?
- How can we be more effective in partnering with local community action agencies?
- What else would be helpful to better harmonize the utility-administered income-eligible weatherization program?
- What strategies do you recommend to more effectively reach underserved areas?





# Contact Information

The 2019 State Plan is Available At

[WWW.CT.GOV/DEEP/WEATHERIZATION](http://WWW.CT.GOV/DEEP/WEATHERIZATION)

Subgrantees Resources:

[WWW.CT.GOV/DEEP/WAPSUBGRANTEES](http://WWW.CT.GOV/DEEP/WAPSUBGRANTEES)

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