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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY NEPA DETERMINATION



STATE: DC **RECIPIENT:** National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)

PROJECT TITLE: Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grantee Training and Technical Assistance Project

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number Procurement Instrument Number NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-00010309-001 DE-EE00010309

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Policy 451.1), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information and dissemination

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and gathering, analysis, audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

A11 Technical advice and assistance to organizations

Technical advice and planning assistance to international, national, state, and local organizations.

Rationale for determination:

The Department of Energy is proposing to provide funding to the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP) to deliver training and technical assistance to Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Grantees specific to the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding. The proposed efforts would include creation of a national weatherization wage survey, data analysis and creation of a wage digital dashboard; onsite and remote training and technical support for new Grantee managers and staff, facilitation of working groups to disseminate best practices and resources to streamline BIL implementation and improve operations. Additional activities would also include development of request for proposal templates, drafting state policies, creation of project management resources for planning and production; and delivering training webinars virtually and at two annual inperson training conferences hosted by NASCSP and other national partner training events.

Based on the types of activities listed above, DOE does not anticipate any impacts to resources of concern.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination.

Notes:

Office of State and Community Energy Programs – Weatherization Assistance Programs (Weatherization Readiness and Retrofit Program) NEPA review completed by Diana Heyder, 11/1/23

FOR CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATIONS

The proposed action (or the part of the proposal defined in the Rationale above) fits within a class of actions that is listed in Appendix A or B to 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D. To fit within the classes of actions listed in 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B, a proposal must be one that would not: (1) threaten a violation of applicable statutory, regulatory, or permit requirements for environment, safety, and health, or similar requirements of DOE or Executive Orders; (2) require siting and construction or major expansion of waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment facilities (including incinerators), but the proposal may include categorically excluded waste storage, disposal, recovery, or treatment actions or facilities; (3) disturb hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, or CERCLA-excluded petroleum and natural gas products that preexist in the environment such that there would be uncontrolled or unpermitted releases; (4) have the potential to cause significant impacts on environmentally

sensitive resources, including, but not limited to, those listed in paragraph B(4) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B; (5) involve genetically engineered organisms, synthetic biology, governmentally designated noxious weeds, or invasive species, unless the proposed activity would be contained or confined in a manner designed and operated to prevent unauthorized release into the environment and conducted in accordance with applicable requirements, such as those listed in paragraph B(5) of 10 CFR Part 1021, Subpart D, Appendix B.

There are no extraordinary circumstances related to the proposed action that may affect the significance of the environmental effects of the proposal.

The proposed action has not been segmented to meet the definition of a categorical exclusion. This proposal is not connected to other actions with potentially significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)), is not related to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)), and is not precluded by 40 CFR 1506.1 or 10 CFR 1021.211 concerning limitations on actions during preparation of an environmental impact statement.

The proposed action is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:	Signed By: Casey Strickland	Date:	11/9/2023
	NEPA Compliance Officer		
FIELD OFFICE MANAGER DETR	ERMINATION		
 ✓ Field Office Manager review not required ☐ Field Office Manager review required 			
BASED ON MY REVIEW I CONC	UR WITH THE DETERMINATION OF THE NCO:		
Field Office Manager's Signature:		Date:	

Field Office Manager