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TO: Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers and Weatherization Coordinators
FROM: Chris Shoopman, Weatherization Program Coordinator
RE: BPA 2013-2015 Grant Highlights
DATE: 09/25//2013

Greetings,

The 2013-2015 BPA Oregon Low Income Weatherization State Grant has been finalized. It is vital that funds must be expended within the fiscal year (10/1-9/30). OHCS will be tracking spend down rates and if necessary will reallocate funds as necessary to ensure funds are expended in a timely manner.

The highlights of this grant are as follows:

Program

- a. The period of performance for this contract is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2015. The total amount awarded for year one of the grant is \$1,421,100.
- b. Total administrative costs for the Recipient and Sub-recipients shall not exceed 15 percent.
- c. Authorized expenditures include the cost of all cost effective measures. Cost effective measures are determined to be equal to or greater than 1.0 “savings-to-investment” ratio (SIR), or some other United States Department of Energy (US DOE) approved method for determining measure installation criteria. All SIR criteria apply only where a SIR is explicitly calculated. Other allowable “base load” measures include but are not limited to such low cost measures as Compact Fluorescent lights, and other such measures not required to pass the SIR cost effective test as described in 10 CFR 440.
- d. Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) will not restrict the amount of funds to any residence as long as the measures meet either the SIR of 1.0 and/or deemed measures are installed.

Low Income Weatherization

The specifications and procedures required in the US DOE Weatherization Assistance Program, 10 CFR Part 440, shall be adhered to for Eligible Dwelling Units treated under this program unless otherwise identified specifically within this Grant.

- a. Health and safety repairs are an authorized expenditure. The cost shall not exceed 30 percent per total dwelling cost on average.
- b. Local Service Providers may create a separate BPA waiting list rather than require the Weatherization applicant in BPA service territory to remain on any other waiting list.
- c. Eligible Dwellings Unit (EDU) may be weatherized regardless if the Eligible Low Income Participants or Eligible Dwelling Unit received weatherization program services in the past.
- d. Weatherization-related repairs are an authorized expenditure. The cost shall not exceed 30 percent per total dwelling cost on average.
- e. An authorized expenditure is a repair or replacement of electrical heaters or furnaces, if they are no longer working, or fail to heat the dwelling properly. The repair or replacement of electric heaters or furnaces in an Eligible Dwelling Unit must be accompanied by additional cost-effective major weatherization measures; assuring maximum energy efficiency of the electricity used by the repaired or replaced heaters or furnaces. Local Service Providers must use all available matching funds for these repairs when such funds are available.

Appliances Covered under this Grant

- a. Refrigerator Replacements
 - i) Energy Efficient Refrigerators (Refrigerators) are an authorized expenditure under this grant. This program shall be implemented consistently with the current DOE requirements for implementation of these same measures, or any other protocol that is accepted by BPA.

The Recipient shall provide the necessary reports for this measure, if the Recipient participates, as specified below in Section 5, "Reporting Requirements."

- ii) Authorized expenditures for the cost of the replacement refrigerator are at 100 percent of the refrigerator cost.

b. Clothes Washer Replacements

Clothes washers which are “Energy Star” rated shall replace existing clothes washers if the existing clothes washer is not Energy Star rated. All “Energy Star” rated clothes washers are deemed to be cost effective under this program. The size and model of the appliance shall be standard, and reasonably priced. The maximum reimbursement is \$700 for standard Energy Star Clothes Washers and \$800 for High Efficiency Clothes Washers. Clothes washer replacements must be supported by three quotes for the selected model.

c. Microwave Ovens

BPA encourages Recipient to provide a new microwave oven if electric cooking exists and there is no working microwave oven available. The existing microwave oven shall be replaced with a new microwave oven if the existing microwave oven is not functional. The existing nonfunctional microwave oven shall be removed and taken to a facility for recycling.

Authorized expenditures for the cost of the replacement microwave ovens are at 100 percent of the microwave oven cost.

d. Standard Heat Pump Replacements

Installations of this measure must be matched with at least a 50 percent payment from sources other than those provided under this grant or any other BPA funding source.

Low Income Energy Efficiency Education

- a. The scope of the Low Income Weatherization Program shall be expanded to include certain electrical measures beyond those related to heating loads. These additional measures shall be those contained under the Energy Efficiency Education program described below.
- b. The Recipient may provide Low Income Energy Efficiency Education to clients consistent with the program approved by US DOE for this endeavor.
 - i) The Recipient can spend up to 20 percent of the funds available through this grant to pay for Low Income Energy Efficiency Education.
 - ii) The Recipient shall provide the Eligible Low Income Participants with written information which informs them that the program is funded by BPA.
 - iii) The Recipient shall obtain signed documentation from the head of household for each visit (should a visit occur) verifying that the education occurred.

Compact Florescent Lights (CFLs)

The Recipient may provide for all CFL replacements in an EDU. All CFLs must be “Energy Star” rated. All costs associated with this effort are authorized expenditures under this grant.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0972.

Best Regards,

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