



ARKANSAS

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

June 21, 2022

Senator Jonathon Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair
Performance Evaluation & Expenditure Review Committee
Arkansas Legislative Council
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Arkansas Energy Office, Weatherization Assistance Program

Dear Co-Chairs:

Thank you for your willingness to schedule a special meeting of the PEER Subcommittee regarding the \$32,895,998 in Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) funds allocated for the expansion of the Arkansas Weatherization Assistance Program. Since the ALC meeting last Friday, we confirmed that the complete application is not due by July 1, 2022. The only item due no later than July 1, 2022, is the Notice of Intent (NOI) for this program. Therefore, if acceptable to the committee, we can wait until the regularly scheduled PEER Subcommittee meeting in July for additional review. However, if preferred, we are willing to attend a special meeting.

In the interim, the Department intends to submit the NOI by the July 1st deadline to the U.S. Department of Energy (USDOE) indicating our intention to operate the expanded weatherization program funded by the IIJA. The NOI signals the Department's intent to file a complete application in the coming months. The NOI also qualifies the Department to receive fifteen percent (15%) of the anticipated IIJA funds for program planning and administration costs. However, the Department will not file our complete application nor expend any of the expanded funds until a final and favorable review by the PEER Subcommittee is granted.

Thank you for your consideration of this item. Please let us know if this item will be placed on the agenda for the July PEER Subcommittee or if a special meeting for consideration of this request is preferred.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. E. Khoury".

Shane E. Khoury
Chief Counsel
Department of Energy and Environment

**INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT & JOBS ACT OF 2021
APPROPRIATION AND PERSONNEL AUTHORIZATION REQUEST
SECTION 38 OF ACT 199 OF 2022**

Agency: Arkansas Department of Energy & Environment Business Area Code: 0930
 Program Title: Arkansas Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)
 Granting Organization: U. S. Department of Energy (DOE) CFDA #: 81.042
 Effective Date of Authorization: Beginning: 7/1/2022 Ending: 6/30/2027

Purpose of Grant / Reason for addition or change (include attachments as necessary to provide thorough information):
 The U.S. Department of Energy(DOE) awarded the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment/Energy Office-Weatherization Assistance Program(WAP) additional funding in the amount of \$32,895,998 through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act(Public Law 117-58). The funding will be tracked separately from the traditional Annual WAP grant. The program requirements remain consistent with the services established and provided through the annual WAP grant.

Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act Program Funding

Func. Area: 930 Fund Code: new Change in Existing Program: _____
 Funds Center: new Internal Order/WBS Element: new New Program: X

Program Funding Amount	
Regular Salaries	-
Extra Help	
Personal Services Matching	-
Operating Expenses	355,000
Conference & Travel Expenses	15,000
Professional Fees	400,000
Capital Outlay	70,000
Data Processing	1,000,000
Grants and Aid (CI: 04)	31,055,998
Other:	
Other:	
Total	\$ 32,895,998

Anticipated Duration of Federal Funds: 6/30/2027

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DFA IGS State Technology Planning Date
 Items requested for information technology must be in compliance with Technology Plans as submitted to DFA IGS State Technology Planning.

Positions to be established: (list each position separately)

Org Unit	Pers Area	Pers Subarea	Cost Center	Position Number	Cont Item	Position Title	Class Code	Grade	Line Item Maximum *

State funds will not be used to replace federal funds when such funds expire, unless appropriated by the General Assembly and authorized by the Governor.

Approved by: *Emily W. Krog*
 Cabinet Secretary/Agency Director Date

Robert Brech 5/26/22
 Office of Budget Date
 MT

Office of Personnel Mgmt. Date

Responses Requested by ALC June 14, 2022

Arkansas Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Program Eligibility and Outreach

Each WAP provider determines eligibility from individual applications filled out by interested individuals. Eligibility is based on total household income which must be at or below 200% of federal poverty level. Example: for 2022, maximum income for a household of 4 is \$55,500.

Each WAP provider advertises the program on its website and through local media and other community based organizations serving low-income individuals and families.

Selection of Contractors

Contractors to work on homes where WAP installs Energy Efficiency and Health & Safety measures are selected through a sealed bid procurement process that is prescribed by E&E based on federal procurement guidelines. Each CAA/other WAP provider is required to conduct a procurement process every one (1) to three (3) years in its own area. E&E oversees that process to ensure rules are followed.

WAP providers, counties served, and funds allocated (U.S. Dept. of Energy program year 2021 – 2022).

1) Better Community Development, Inc. (non-profit)

Rev. William Robinson, Jr., Executive Director

Office location – Little Rock

Counties served – Arkansas, Ashley, Bradley, Chicot, Cleveland, Desha, Drew, Grant, Jefferson, Lee, Lincoln, Monroe, Phillips, Prairie.

\$193,340 Benefits for homes

26,916 Administration

12,213 Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)

\$232,469

2) Black River Area Development Corporation (CAA)

Rhonda Ahrent, Executive Director

Main office location – Pocahontas

Counties served – Baxter, Boone, Clay, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Lawrence, Marion, Newton, Randolph, Searcy, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren.

\$177,849 Benefits for homes

24,760 Administration

11,235 Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)

\$213,844

3) Central Arkansas Development Council (CAA)

Randy Morris, Executive Director

Main office location – Benton

Counties served – Calhoun, Clark, Columbia, Dallas, Garland, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Lafayette, Little River, Lonoke, Miller, Montgomery, Nevada, Ouachita, Pike, Polk, Pulaski, Saline, Sevier, Union.

\$557,087 Benefits for homes
77,556 Administration
35,191 Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)
\$669,834

4) Community Action Program for Central Arkansas (CAA)

Jennifer Welter, Executive Director

Main office location – Conway

Counties served – Cleburne, Faulkner, White.

\$110,263 Benefits for homes
15,351 Administration
6,965 Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)
\$132,579

5) Crawford-Sebastian Community Development Council (CAA)

Marc Baker, Executive Director

Main office location – Ft. Smith

Counties served – Benton, Carroll, Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Madison, Perry, Pope, Scott, Sebastian, Washington, Yell.

\$477,024 Benefits for homes
66,410 Administration
30,133 Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)
\$573,567

6) Crowley’s Ridge Development Council (CAA)

Jeremy Wooldridge, Executive Director

Main office location – Jonesboro

Counties served – Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Greene, Jackson, Mississippi, Poinsett, St. Francis, Woodruff.

\$248,846 Benefits for homes
34,644 Administration
15,720 Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)
\$299,210

Allocation by County.

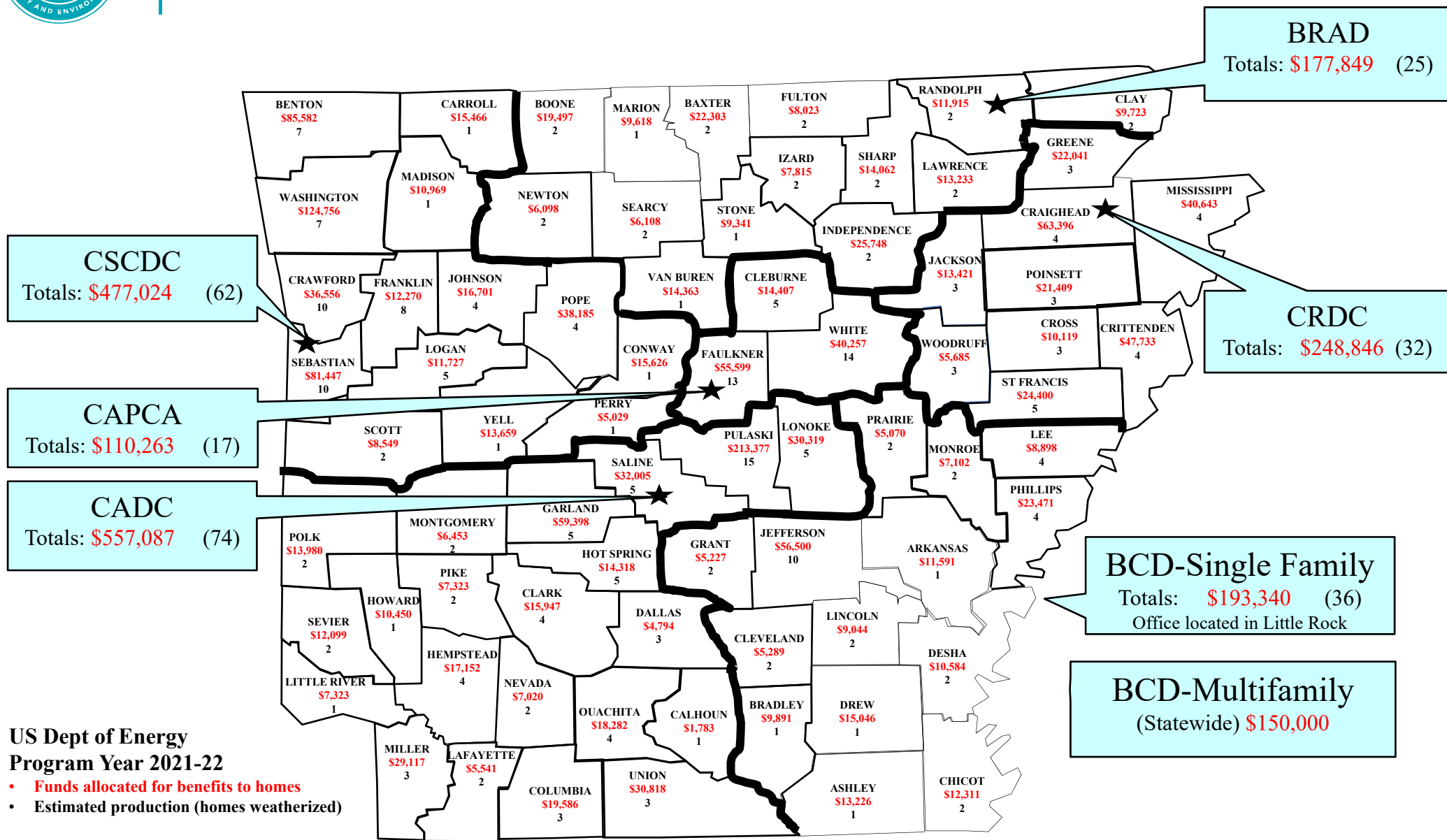
Funds are allocated by county and funds for counties are aggregated to create the total allocation for each WAP provider. The allocation formula used in Arkansas is based primarily on US Census data for percent of low-income population in the state that is located in each county. In addition, aging housing stock and climatic factors in each county are part of the formula. The funding formula was developed by the University of Arkansas/Little Rock research office for Arkansas WAP in 2011. See the following maps for 1) DOE allocation and estimated production (homes weatherized) by county and 2) estimated allocation of DOE Infrastructure funds.



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Weatherization Assistance Program 2021-22

Standard, Annual Distribution of DOE Funds



**US Dept of Energy
Program Year 2021-22**

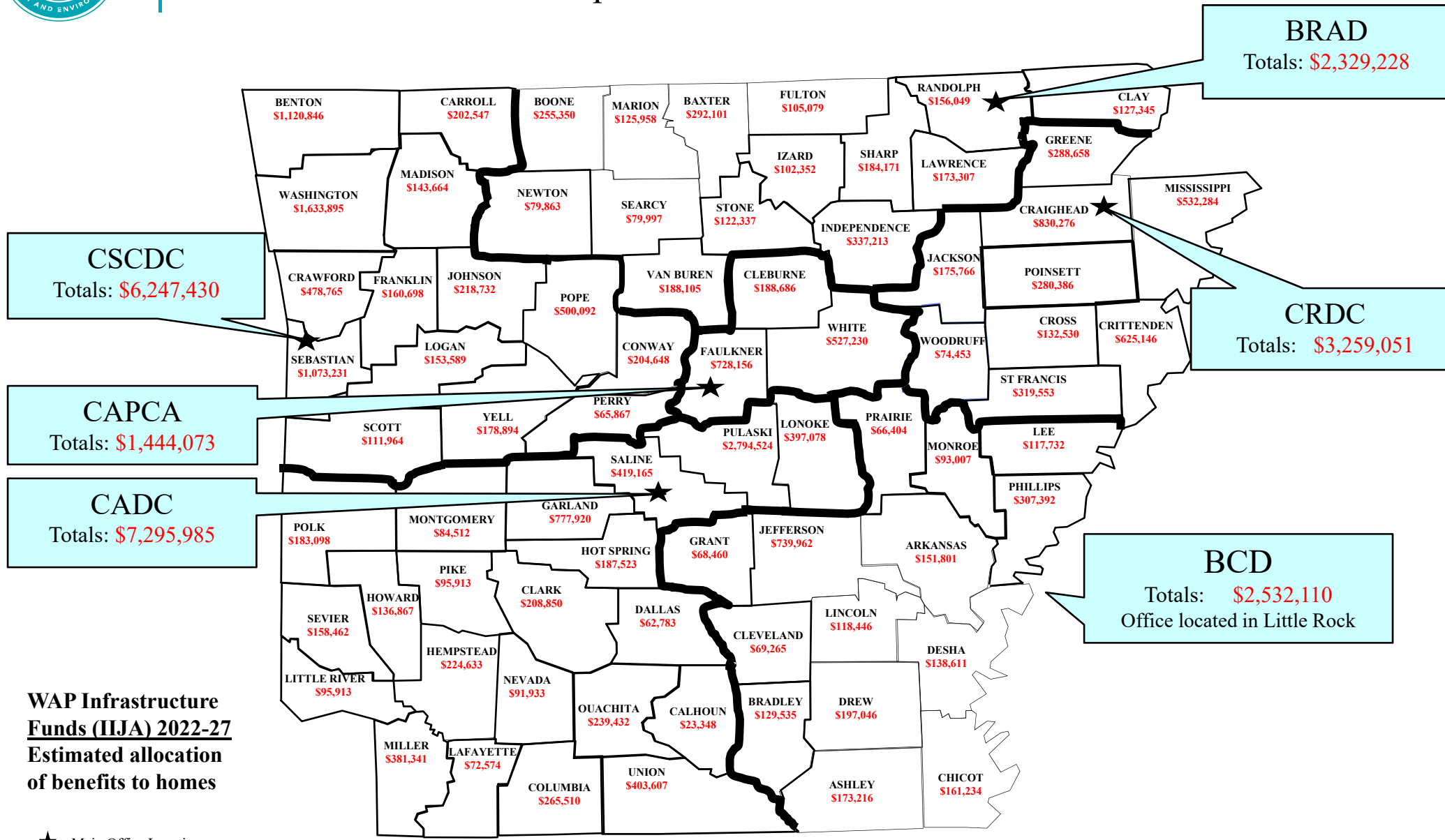
- Funds allocated for benefits to homes
- Estimated production (homes weatherized)

★ = Main Office Location



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Weatherization Assistance Program 2022-27 Proposed Distribution of DOE IJA Funds



WAP Infrastructure Funds (IJA) 2022-27
Estimated allocation of benefits to homes

★ = Main Office Location