

# Low Income Weatherization (LIWx)

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## Introduction

### 1. BPA Funding for LIWx

- Financial Assistance to states (\$4.5M) and tribes (\$0.5M)
- Conservation Rate Credit (CRC)

### 2. Overview of BPA's LIWx program and requirements

- Total resource cost effective measures only;
- Full cost recovery for eligible measures with the exception of windows, which are capped \$0.30 per kWh estimated energy savings;
- Funds cannot be used for maintenance and major repairs. This is not to be confused with items that are part of the measure costs (i.e., roof vents, vapor barrier in crawlspace, required ventilation fans, etc.);
- Utilities can claim the 15% Administrative Allowance (30% for small utilities) as a percentage of the cost of eligible measures;
- Utilities can run their own LIWx program, as long as they are in "substantial" compliance with the Dept. of Energy's Low-Income Program requirements;
  - Note: Substantial compliance means that the utility has a documented, reasonable and rational approach to a specific issue or requirement that differs from the DOE guidelines. Utilities can ask BPA to review and approve such variations.
- Utilities must have a written agreement with the state/low-income service provider/tribal agency outlining terms and conditions.

### 3. Oversight of community action agency work and documentation

- Utilities can expect the same level of oversight for their low-income program as will be performed for the regular residential sector conservation program; and,
- Utilities should perform oversight and due diligence at a level that they feel confident will protect their interest.

### 4. Documentation requirements for LIWx performed by state agencies with CRC Funds

- Cost of installed measures;
- Description of weatherization measures installed (e.g., sq. ft. of insulation, r-value, etc.);
- Amount contributed and the amount spent on non-windows measures (to account for the dollar-for-dollar requirement); and,
- Eligible measures must be reported in the PTR, and can be aggregated by measure. Data on measures, installed square footage or other applicable unit data must be kept by the utility on a house-by-house basis.