

Discussion Topic Reference List:

BPA Northwest Low-Income Energy Efficiency Workgroup

(Amended February 2025)

Background

This reference document is a list of topics that participants have expressed interest in discussing in the Low-Income Workgroup at some point. This list is not organized in any particular order. In the interest of transparency, the BPA Low-Income team felt it was necessary to have a repository of topics that are critical to people and organizations implementing Low-Income programming around the region.

The selected Low-Income Workgroup Steering Committee is tasked with helping to prioritize this long list of discussions topics along with feedback from the wider Workgroup. This list will be added to periodically as well as used as a reference when considering future discussions.

For reference, this Workgroup's mission, background, objectives, and implementation structure are all included in the this group's "[Structure and Organizing Principles](#)".

Discussion Topic Reference List

General

- Energy Burden
- Outreach Strategies
- Health & Safety
- Client Education
- DOE WAP Updates
- HUD Code Updates
- Income Levels
- Manufacturer and Labor Liability Challenges
- Membership Challenges
- Point of Purchase Incentive Options
- Improved Implementation for Property Owners and Tenants
- How to Navigate Rising costs
- Agreeing Upon Criteria for Income Qualification (e.g. SMI, AMI, and Other Guidelines)
- Power Plan Updates
- Residential Building Stock Assessment (RBSA) Overview
- BPA Evaluation and Research Updates
- BPA 101: The Life of a BPA Energy Efficiency Measure
- Implications of Potential Added Electric Load and Costs when Fuel Switching

Collaboration & Partnerships

- Utility and CAP Partnership Development
- Contractor and CAP Partnership Development
- Collaboration of Program Sharing
- Contractor Dispute Resolution
- Integrating EE programs with Other Assistance Programs

Workforce

- Workforce Development: Recruitment and Training
- Workforce Constraints

Administrative

- Data Collection and Sharing
- Bill Assistance
- Income Verification Improvements
- Contractor Quality Assurance/Quality Control
- Audit Home Visits
- Funding Cycles
- CAP Admin Fee Coverage Using BPA Utility EEI
- Integrating Priority Lists into BPA's Program
- Utility Reporting Requirements for CAPs

Funding

- Braiding vs. Stacking: BPA and Other Federal, State, and Local Funds
- Additional Funding Opportunities (State, Federal, & Grants)
- Incentive Level Offerings: BPA's Offer vs. Utility's Offer
- CAP Funding Flexibility

Measure Opportunities

- Multifamily
- Direct Install Options
- Fuel Switching Opportunities
- Technical Discussion on Proper Heat Pump Installation
- Weatherization Installation Materials
- Repair Cost Coverage
- New Technologies
- Ductless Heat Pump Updates
- Understanding Air Sealing and Claiming Through BPA
- DOE SIR (Savings to Investment) Calculated Projects can Integrate with Deemed Measures
- BPA Deemed Measure List Overview

Programs

- Improving and Developing Small, Rural Low-Income Programs
- Updating Incentive Levels
- BPA Payment Cost Cap Implementation Improvement
- Bundling Measures to Increase Uptake