

# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND AGENDA

## **Department of Energy Program Year 2022 Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant State Plan and Application for the Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program Proposed by the Nevada Housing Division**

The Nevada Housing Division will hold a public hearing at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 20, 2022. There will be no physical location to attend this meeting, but it will be held virtually and may be joined as follows:

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### **Purpose**

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments from all interested parties regarding the proposed program year 2022 BIL State Plan and Application pertaining to the Department of Energy (DOE), Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program, for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2027. A copy of this Notice and the proposed State Plan and Application has been emailed to all Service Providers (Sub-grantees) a minimum of 10 days in advance of the public hearing. Any member of the public desiring to receive the proposed State Plan and Application will be either emailed or mailed a copy upon request. To receive a copy please contact Raul Betancourt, Weatherization Program Supervisor, at [raul.betancourt@housing.nv.gov](mailto:raul.betancourt@housing.nv.gov) or (775) 687-2242.

Briefly summarized is the allocation the State of Nevada Weatherization Program is receiving. The DOE BIL funding of \$24,803,076 for program year 2022, to be spent over the next five (5) years. All Service Providers that requested funding for the upcoming program year will receive an award of DOE BIL Weatherization Assistance Program funds appropriate for the population base of their service areas with some adjustments. Due to the higher costs of delivery in the rural areas of Nevada caused primarily by the large driving distances, two rural service areas will receive an additional two percent (2%) of total weatherization funding. Furthermore, the BIL grant will be leveraged with other weatherization funding sources to keep the programs Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) down.

Comments made during the public hearing and accepted by the Nevada Housing Division as beneficial to the Weatherization Assistance Program may result in modifications to the proposed State Plan and Application. If it is necessary to adjust the State Plan and Application pursuant to accepted comments, a revised version may become the final State Plan and Application for program year 2022.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed State Plan and Application may participate in the virtual public hearing commenting during the appropriate time. Also, comments may be emailed to [raul.betancourt@housing.nv.gov](mailto:raul.betancourt@housing.nv.gov) or submitted in writing to the Nevada Housing Division, Attention: Raul Betancourt, Weatherization Program Supervisor, 1830 East College Parkway, Suite 200, Carson City, Nevada 89706. Emailed or written comments must be received by the Nevada Housing Division on or before October 19, 2022, 5:00 p.m. to be considered.

### **PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order – Raul Betancourt, Weatherization Program Supervisor
2. Public Comment. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an Agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)
3. Introduction and Comments on the Proposed Program Year 2022 DOE BIL State Plan and Application.
4. Public Comment. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda until the matter itself has been specifically included on an Agenda as an item upon which action will be taken. (Because of time considerations, the period for public comment by each speaker is limited to three (3) minutes and speakers are urged to avoid repetition of comments made by previous speakers.)
5. Adjournment

**Note: Items on this agenda may be taken in a different order than listed. Two or more agenda items may be combined for consideration. An item may be removed from this agenda or discussion relating to an item on this agenda may be delayed at any time.**

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### **Recording Warning**

Note: The public hearing will be recorded for submittal to the Department of Energy along with the final State Plan and Application.

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Consistent with the State of Nevada electronic public notification process that is used by other Federally funded programs, this notice and agenda have been posted on or before 9:00 a.m. and no later than 10 calendar days prior to the meeting at the following websites:

Nevada's Public Notice Website at: <http://notice.nv.gov>

Nevada Housing Division's website at:

<https://housing.nv.gov/Resources/Meetings, Notices, Hearings, Actions Events/>

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Supporting documents for this meeting may be requested by emailing Raul Betancourt at [raul.betancourt@housing.nv.gov](mailto:raul.betancourt@housing.nv.gov) or calling (775) 687-2242 or 1830 E. College Parkway, Suite 200, Carson City, Nevada 89706. The supporting documents are available at either of the Division's offices in Las Vegas or Carson City or on the Division's Internet website. Members of the public may use the remote technology system to hear and observe the meeting by using any of the links above to connect via video conferencing or by telephone. Members of the public will be allowed to provide public comment via video conferencing or telephone at the indicated agenda items.

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