

Department of Energy

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§ 440.15 Subgrantees.

- (a) The grantee shall ensure that:
 - (1) Each subgrantee is a CAA or other public or nonprofit entity;
 - (2) Each subgrantee is selected on the basis of public comment received during a public hearing conducted pursuant to § 440.14(a) and other appropriate findings regarding:
 - (i) The subgrantee's experience and performance in weatherization or housing renovation activities;
 - (ii) The subgrantee's experience in assisting low-income persons in the area to be served; and
 - (iii) The subgrantee's capacity to undertake a timely and effective weatherization program.
 - (3) In selecting a subgrantee, preference is given to any CAA or other public or nonprofit entity which has, or is currently administering, an effective program under this part or under title II of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964, with program effectiveness evaluated by consideration of factors including, but not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - (i) The extent to which the past or current program achieved or is achieving weatherization goals in a timely fashion;
 - (ii) The quality of work performed by the subgrantee;
 - (iii) The number, qualifications, and experience of the staff members of the subgrantee; and
 - (iv) The ability of the subgrantee to secure volunteers, training participants, and public service employment workers pursuant to JTPA.
- (b) The grantee shall ensure that the funds received under this part will be allocated to the entities selected in accordance with paragraph (a) of this section, such that funds will be allocated to areas on the basis of the relative need for a weatherization project by low-income persons.
- (c) If DOE finds that a subgrantee selected to undertake weatherization activities under this part has failed to comply substantially with the provisions of the Act or this part and should be replaced, such finding shall be treated as a finding under § 440.30(i) for purposes of § 440.30.
- (d) Any new or additional subgrantee shall be selected at a hearing in ac-

cordance with § 440.14(a) and upon the basis of the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section.

(e) A State may terminate financial assistance under a subgrant agreement for a grant period only in accordance with established State procedures that provide to the subgrantee appropriate notice of the State's reasons for termination and afford the subgrantee an adequate opportunity to be heard.

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(iv) The ability of the subgrantee to secure volunteers, training participants, public service employment workers, and other Federal or State training programs.

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§ 440.16 Minimum program requirements.

Prior to the expenditure of any grant funds each grantee shall develop, publish, and implement procedures to ensure that:

- (a) No dwelling unit may be weatherized without documentation that the dwelling unit is an eligible dwelling unit as provided in § 440.22;
- (b) Priority is given to identifying and providing weatherization assistance to elderly and handicapped low-income persons and such priority as the applicant determines is appropriate is given to dwelling units containing children and to single-family or other high-energy-consuming dwelling units;
- (c) Financial assistance provided under this part will be used to supplement, and not supplant, State or local funds, and, to the maximum extent practicable as determined by DOE, to increase the amounts of these funds that would be made available in the absence of Federal funds provided under this part;
- (d) To the maximum extent practicable, the grantee will secure the

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services of volunteers when such personnel are generally available, training participants and public service employment workers, pursuant to JTPA, to work under the supervision of qualified supervisors and foremen;

(e) To the maximum extent practicable, the use of weatherization assistance shall be coordinated with other Federal, State, local, or privately funded programs in order to improve energy efficiency and to conserve energy;

(f) The low-income members of an Indian tribe shall receive benefits equivalent to the assistance provided to other low-income persons within a State unless the grantee has made the recommendation provided in § 440.12(b)(5);

(g) No dwelling unit may be reported to DOE as completed until all weatherization materials have been installed and the subgrantee, or its authorized representative, has performed a final inspection(s) including any mechanical work performed and certified that the work has been completed in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with the priority determined by the audit procedures required by § 440.21; and

(h) Subgrantees limit expenditure of funds under this part for installation of materials (other than weatherization materials) to abate energy-related health and safety hazards, to a list of types of such hazards, permissible abatement materials and their costs which is submitted, and updated as necessary at the same time as an annual application under § 440.12 of this part and which DOE shall approve if—

(1) Elimination of such hazards are necessary before, or as a result of, installation of weatherization materials; and

(2) The grantee sets forth a limitation on the percent of average dwelling unit costs which may be used to abate such hazards which is reasonable in light of the primary energy conservation purpose of this part;

(i) The benefits of weatherization to occupants of rental units are protected

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in accordance with § 440.22(b)(3) of this part.

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(b) Priority is given to identifying and providing weatherization assistance to:

- (1) Elderly persons;
- (2) Persons with disabilities;
- (3) Families with children;
- (4) High residential energy users; and
- (5) Households with a high energy burden.

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(d) To the maximum extent practicable, the grantee will secure the services of volunteers when such personnel are generally available, training participants and public service employment workers, other Federal or State training program workers, to work under the supervision of qualified supervisors and foremen;

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§ 440.17 Policy Advisory Council.

(a) Prior to the expenditure of any grant funds, a State policy advisory council shall be established by a State or by the Support Office Director if a State does not participate in the program which:

(1) Has special qualifications and sensitivity with respect to solving the problems of low-income persons, including the weatherization and energy conservation problems of these persons;

(2) Is broadly representative of organizations and agencies, including consumer groups that represent low-income persons, particularly elderly and handicapped low-income persons and low-income Native Americans, in the State or geographical area in question; and