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(3) Has responsibility for advising the appropriate official or agency administering the allocation of financial assistance in the State or area with respect to the development and implementation of a weatherization assistance program.

[49 FR 3629, Jan. 27, 1984, as amended at 58 FR 12529, Mar. 4, 1993]

EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000, § 440.17 was amended by revising paragraph (a) introductory text and adding paragraphs (b) and (c), effective Jan. 8, 2001. For the convenience of the user, the revised and added text is set forth as follows:

§ 440.17 Policy advisory council.

(a) Prior to the expenditure of any grant funds, a State policy advisory council, or a State commission or council which serves the same functions as a State policy advisory council, must be established by a State or by the Regional Office Director if a State does not participate in the Program which:

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(b) Any person employed in any State Weatherization Program may also be a member of an existing commission or council, but must abstain from reviewing and approving activities associated with the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program.

(c) States which opt to utilize an existing commission or council must certify to DOE, as a part of the annual application, of the council's or commission's independence in reviewing and approving activities associated with the DOE Weatherization Assistance Program.

§ 440.18 Allowable expenditures.

(a) An average of at least 40 percent of the funds provided in a State under this part for weatherization materials, labor, and related matters included in paragraphs (c)(1) through (9) of this section shall be spent for weatherization materials, except if DOE approves a State's application to waive the 40 percent requirement under § 440.21(h).

(b) The expenditure of financial assistance provided under this part for labor, weatherization materials, and related matters included in paragraphs (c)(1) through (9) and (c)(15) of this section shall not exceed an average of \$1,600 per dwelling unit weatherized in the State, except as adjusted as follows:

(1) The \$1,600 average will be adjusted annually by DOE beginning in calendar

year 1991 by increasing the limitation by an amount equal to:

(i) The limitation amount for the previous year, multiplied by

(ii) The lesser of:

(A) The percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (all items, United States city average) for the most recent calendar year completed before the beginning of the year for which the determination is being made, or

(B) Three percent.

(2) In addition to the average per-dwelling-unit limitation applicable in a State under this section, DOE shall, upon application by a State, establish a separate average per-dwelling-unit limitation for dwelling units in such States which conform to program requirements and, in addition to any other weatherization modifications, have capital-intensive furnace or cooling efficiency modifications as defined in § 440.3 made under this part. The average per-dwelling-unit limitation applicable in a State which meets these requirements shall not exceed an amount equal to:

(i) The amount permitted for the expenditure of financial assistance for labor, weatherization materials, and related matters for dwelling units in such State in paragraphs (c) (1) through (9) and (c)(15) of this section plus

(ii) An amount determined by the State to be the average amount that is appropriate for capital-intensive furnace or cooling efficiency modifications of dwelling units of the type assisted under this part in such State and approved by DOE.

(c) Allowable expenditures under this part include only:

(1) The cost of purchase and delivery of weatherization materials;

(2) Labor costs, in accordance with § 440.19;

(3) Transportation of weatherization materials, tools, equipment, and work crews to a storage site and to the site of weatherization work;

(4) Maintenance, operation, and insurance of vehicles used to transport weatherization materials;

(5) Maintenance of tools and equipment;

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(6) Purchase or annual lease of tools, equipment, and vehicles, except that any purchase of vehicles shall be referred to DOE for prior approval in every instance;

(7) Employment of on-site supervisory personnel;

(8) Storage of weatherization materials, tools, and equipment;

(9) The cost of incidental repairs if such repairs are necessary to make the installation of weatherization materials effective;

(10) The cost of liability insurance for weatherization projects for personal injury and for property damage;

(11) The cost of carrying out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities in accordance with § 440.20;

(12) The cost of weatherization program financial audits as required by § 440.23(d);

(13) Allowable administrative expenses under paragraph (d) of this section; and

(14) Funds used for leveraging activities in accordance with § 440.14(b)(9)(xiv); and

(15) The cost of eliminating health and safety hazards elimination of which is necessary before, or because of, installation of weatherization materials.

(d) Not more than 10 percent of any grant made to a State may be used by the grantee and subgrantees for administrative purposes in carrying out duties under this part, except that not more than 5 percent may be used by the State for such purposes, and not less than 5 percent must be made available to subgrantees by States. A State may provide in its annual plan for recipients of grants of less than \$350,000 to use up to an additional 5 percent of such grants for administration if the State has determined that such recipient requires such additional amount to implement effectively the administrative requirements established by DOE pursuant to this part.

(e) No grant funds awarded under this part shall be used for any of the following purposes:

(1) To weatherize a dwelling unit which is designated for acquisition or clearance by a Federal, State, or local program within 12 months from the date weatherization of the dwelling

unit would be scheduled to be completed; or

(2) To install or otherwise provide weatherization materials for a dwelling unit weatherized previously with grant funds under this part, except:

(i) As provided under § 440.20;

(ii) If such dwelling unit has been damaged by fire, flood, or act of God and repair of the damage to weatherization materials is not paid for by insurance; or

(iii) That dwelling units partially weatherized under this part or under other Federal programs during the period September 30, 1975, through September 30, 1985, may receive further financial assistance for weatherization under this part. While DOE will continue to require these homes to be reported separately, States may count these homes as completions for the purposes of compliance with the per-home expenditure limit in § 440.18. Each dwelling unit must receive a new energy audit which takes into account any previous energy conservation improvements to the dwelling.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 65 FR 77218, Dec. 8, 2000, § 440.18 was amended by revising paragraph (a); removing the phrase “and (c)(15)” in the introductory text to paragraph (b) and in paragraph (b)(2)(i); adding paragraph (b)(3); revising paragraph (c)(6); and revising “September 30, 1985” to read “September 30, 1993” in paragraph (e)(2)(iii), effective Jan. 8, 2001. For the convenience of the user, the revised and added text is set forth as follows:

§ 440.18 Allowable expenditures.

(a) States must spend an average of at least 40 percent of the funds provided them for weatherization materials, labor and related matters listed in paragraphs (c)(1) through (9) of this section. DOE may approve a State’s application to waive the 40 percent requirement under § 440.21.

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(b) * * *

(3) For the purposes of determining the average cost per dwelling limitation, costs for the purchase of vehicles or other certain types of equipment as defined in 10 CFR part 600 may be amortized over the useful life of the vehicle or equipment.

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(6) The cost of purchasing vehicles, except that any purchase of vehicles must be referred to DOE for prior approval in every instance.

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§ 440.19 Labor.

(a) Payments for labor costs under § 440.18(c)(2) shall consist of:

(1) Payments permitted by the Department of Labor to supplement wages paid to training participants and public service employment workers pursuant to JTPA and

(2) Payments to employ labor (particularly persons eligible for training under JTPA) or to engage a contractor (particularly a nonprofit organization or a business owned by disadvantaged individuals which performs weatherization services), provided a grantee has determined an adequate number of volunteers, training participants, and public service employment workers, assisted pursuant to JTPA, are not available to weatherize dwelling units for a subgrantee under the supervision of qualified supervisors.

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Payments for labor costs under § 440.18(c)(2) must consist of:

(a) Payments permitted by the Department of Labor to supplement wages paid to training participants, public service employment workers, or other Federal or State training programs; and

(b) Payments to employ labor or to engage a contractor (particularly a nonprofit organization or a business owned by disadvantaged individuals which performs weatherization services), provided a grantee has determined an adequate number of volunteers, training participants, public service employment workers, or other Federal or State training programs are not available to weatherize dwelling units for a subgrantee under the supervision of qualified supervisors.

§ 440.20 Low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities.

(a) An eligible dwelling unit may be weatherized without regard to the limi-

tations contained in § 440.18 (e)(2) or § 440.21(b) from funds designated by the grantee for carrying out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities provided:

(1) Inexpensive weatherization materials are used, such as water flow controllers, furnace or cooling filters, or items which are primarily directed toward reducing infiltration, including weatherstripping, caulking, glass patching, and insulation for plugging and

(2) No labor paid with funds provided under this part is used to install weatherization materials referred to in paragraph (a)(1) of this section.

(b) A maximum of 10 percent of the amount allocated to a subgrantee, not to exceed \$50 in materials costs per dwelling unit, may be expended to carry out low-cost/no-cost weatherization activities, unless the Support Office Director approves a higher expenditure per dwelling unit.

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§ 440.21 Standards and techniques for weatherization.

(a) Paragraphs (b) through (g) of this section set forth the energy audit procedures which apply to the grantees and subgrantees who are subject to the 40 percent material cost requirement in § 440.18(a) of this part. Paragraphs (b), (d), (e), and (h) through (k) of this section set forth the requirements for the energy audit procedures which, if satisfied in the State plan, warrant approval of a State's application to waive the 40 percent material cost requirement in § 440.18(a) of this part.

(b) Only weatherization materials which are listed in appendix A and which meet or exceed standards prescribed in appendix A to this part shall be purchased with funds provided under this part, except that DOE may approve an unlisted material upon application from any State.

(c) The most cost-effective weatherization materials for each dwelling unit shall be determined by audit procedures using the following formula:

(1) The cost of fuel saved per year by installing a weatherization material in a dwelling unit;