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## Senate Committee's 2012 WAP Appropriation Freezes Funding

FY 2012 Weatherization Assistance is frozen at this year's level, \$174.3 million, in the Energy and Water Development Bill that the Senate Appropriations Committee reported last night. \$171 M. is for testate formula grants. The distribution for your state should be the same as the [2011 figure](#).

Unlike the House Bill, which did not fund the regular program, the Senate Bill has no language permitting the Secretary to use a different formula to distribute funds to states that have used up all other DOE and ARRA . That authority would be useful IF the 3/31/2012 deadline for ARRA is extended. No White House decision has been made on extension.

This is the first of many repercussions our programs will suffer from the deficit reduction agreement. After applying the funding allocation that reflects the agreement, the Committee had to cut \$548 million from the non-security programs at DOE. Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, a Democratic priority, was frozen at the 2011 level, almost \$1.8 billion, The WAP level reflects that freeze. By contrast, while fossil fuel research and other accounts took bigger cuts.

The 2021 state grants will be far lower than is needed to maintain viable statewide programs especially in

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warm states and small states; it will at first hit hardest in the states that proved to be champions at ARRA delivery and are now spending all regular carryover funds.

**The outlook:** before this and all other Bills are rolled into a Continuing Resolution, the House will be allocated the same amount as the Senate Committee. There will be resistance to adding the \$141.3 M.. needed to freeze WAP because fossil fuel research and other items cut by the Senate have more support in the House.

**The Possibilities:** In the past, some additional allocations have provided more flexibility as Conferees bargained over a final Bill or CR. It is not clear whether the new framework will allow such relief. NCAF will be looking for any opportunities that arise as the President's jobs bill, or alternative jobs bills, are considered. None of these promises the robust funding levels our programs really need to keep the industry on the job and our communities served. Finding and /or keeping other funding will be essential.

NCAF will be using the [occasion of the Energy Leveraging Conference](#) to strategize with CAAs and other partners regarding alternative funding streams and stronger messages about the success of the Weatherization program and the value of our workforce. Please join us for this work in St Pete during the final week of October..



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