

BPA's Northwest Low-Income Energy Efficiency Workgroup

Thursday, August 8th, 2024 | 9:00am – 2:30pm PST (8:30am coffee time) |

Hosted by the BPA Low-Income Team

Logistics

Hosts: BPA Low-Income Energy Efficiency Team ([Amy Burke](#), [Kirsten Midura](#), [Rachelle Powers](#))

In-Person Location: **BPA Rates Hearing Room**
1201 NE Lloyd Blvd, Portland, OR 97232
Access: Enter the building and go up the elevators to the second floor and follow signs to Rates Hearing Room

WebEx Information: [Click Here to Join Meeting](#) (Meeting starts at **9am for remote** attendees)

Options for Joining Audio (pick one):

- Have WebEx call your phone (**preferred**), or
- Use your computer audio, or
- Call in using the following information:
 - +1-415-527-5035 United States Toll
 - (Access Code) 2824 515 6821
 - (Password if requested) ZyraVP2a3F8

Note: Only use one audio option to prevent feedback; all attendees will be muted on entry

Agenda (Timing is Estimated)

Optional Coffee & Networking (30 minutes from 8:30 – 9:00am)	
Welcome & Introductions	9 – 9:15am (15 mins)
Workgroup Topics Prioritization <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process for prioritizing topics and calls for future speakers• List of potential future discussion topics (on the BPA Low-Income Homepage)• Options for individual workgroups if needed	9:15 – 9:20am (5 mins)
State & Federal Funding Implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction and defining common terms (5 minutes)• What funding sources can be used (30 mins)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Danielle Walker (10 mins): Using IRA funds with other funding sources○ Phillip Kelsven (10 mins): BPA's guidance for use with other funding sources○ Ken Robinette (10 mins): Perspectives on using funding BPA and other funds in Idaho	9:20 – 10:20am (60 mins)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Discussion on How to Improve Visibility About What Funds Can be Used (25 mins; Susie Snyder): <i>Intended outcomes of discussion: Determine what resources are needed to be created or referenced and where to house them.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are your experiences with using various funding sources? ○ What current and upcoming rule changes will impact funding sources? ○ What resources (charts/visuals) are currently available that help organizations navigate how different funding sources interact? ○ CAPs: What additional resources are needed to help navigate these? ○ Utilities: What additional resources are needed to help navigate these? ○ States or other implementers: What additional resources are needed to help navigate these? 	
<p>Break (10 mins from 10:20 – 10:30am)</p>	
<p>Roundtable Discussion Topic 1: Collaboration Through Program Sharing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductory story sharing: Selected members are encouraged to share 5 – 10 mins about what barriers they have experienced in their programs working with BPA funding and how they have overcome them. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Travis Hardy (OR) ○ Esteban Montero Chacon (OR) ○ Melissa Rice (MT) • Open Discussion (25 mins; Facilitator: Kirsten Midura): 	<p>10:30 – 11:25am (55 mins)</p>
<p>Lunch (1 hours from 11:30am – 12:30pm)</p>	
<p>Breakout Discussion Topic 2: Utility and CAP Partnership Experiences</p> <p><i>Separate into two groups: Utilities and CAPs. Remote attendees will self-select which WebEx breakout room to join. Attendees that do not fall into these two groups may join whichever group they feel they can best support. Facilitators to share out a summary of the discussion when breakout sessions end.</i></p> <p>Utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remote WebEx Utility Room: Lindsey Hobbs (Facilitator), Kyla Kelsay (Notes) - In-Person Utility Group: Brice Lang (Facilitator), Jonathon Belmont (Notes) <p><i>Discussion Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What have your experiences been working with CAP agencies and other entities on LIEE programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What positive experiences have you had working with CAP agencies and what made them positive? ○ What issues have you come across working with CAP agencies and what could have been improved? 	<p>12:30pm – 1:10pm (40 mins)</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What issues are you aware of that CAP agencies face and what can utilities do to help alleviate some of these issues? • Are there specific things you need in order to develop these partnerships? • What would a successful partnership with a CAP look like? What steps can be taken to develop or strengthen that partnership? • What can BPA do to facilitate strong and effective partnerships between you and CAPs or other entities? <p>CAPs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remote WebEx CAP Room: Dena Hilde (Facilitator), Kirsten Midura (Notes) - In-Person CAP Group: Corinne Mauck (Facilitator), Amy Burke (Notes) <p><i>Discussion Questions:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, what have your experiences been like working with utilities and other entities on LIEE programs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What positive experiences have you had working with utilities and what made them positive? ○ What issues have you come across working with utilities and what could have been improved? • What specific support do you need from utilities or BPA in general in develop better partnerships? • What specific support can you provide to help develop smooth partnerships? • What would a successful partnership with a utility or community organization look like? What steps can be taken to develop or strengthen that partnership? • What can BPA do to facilitate strong and effective partnerships between you and utilities or other entities? 	
<p>Breakout Session Presentations: High-Level Recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Utility Group Remote] Utility experiences engaging with CAPs • [Utility Group In-Person] Utility experiences engaging with CAPs • [CAP Group Remote] CAP experiences with programs and working with utilities • [CAP Group In-Person] CAP experiences with programs and working with utilities 	<p>1:10 – 1:30pm (20 mins)</p>
<p>Break (10 mins from 1:30 – 1:40am)</p>	
<p>Discussion & Poll: BPA Low-Income Program Name Change (Menti Poll; Facilitator: Rachelle Powers)</p>	<p>1:40 – 1:55pm (15 mins)</p>
<p>Roundtable: Open Discussion (Amy Burke)</p>	<p>1:55 – 2:25pm (30 mins)</p>

Closing: Next Steps (Amy Burke)

- Recap any takeaway tasks to be addressed in the next or future meetings
- Suggested priority agenda items
- Estimated timing for future meetings & call for future on-site hosts
- Open feedback survey to be sent and will be posted online

2:25 – 2:30pm
(10 mins)