

Department of Energy Weatherization Assistance Program

2023 Public Hearing - January 24, 2023



OKLAHOMA
Commerce



Purpose of the Public Hearing

- Explain the WAP Program
- Review the 2023 State Plan (and any proposed changes from previous year)
- Receive any public comments

Meeting Outcomes

- Understand the PY 2023 State Plan
- Receive input on the state plan, program implementation, and funding
- Receive input on ongoing challenges facing the weatherization program

DOE WAP Mission

- “to reduce costs for low-income families, particularly for the elderly, people with disabilities, and children, by improving the energy efficiency of their homes while ensuring their health and safety”

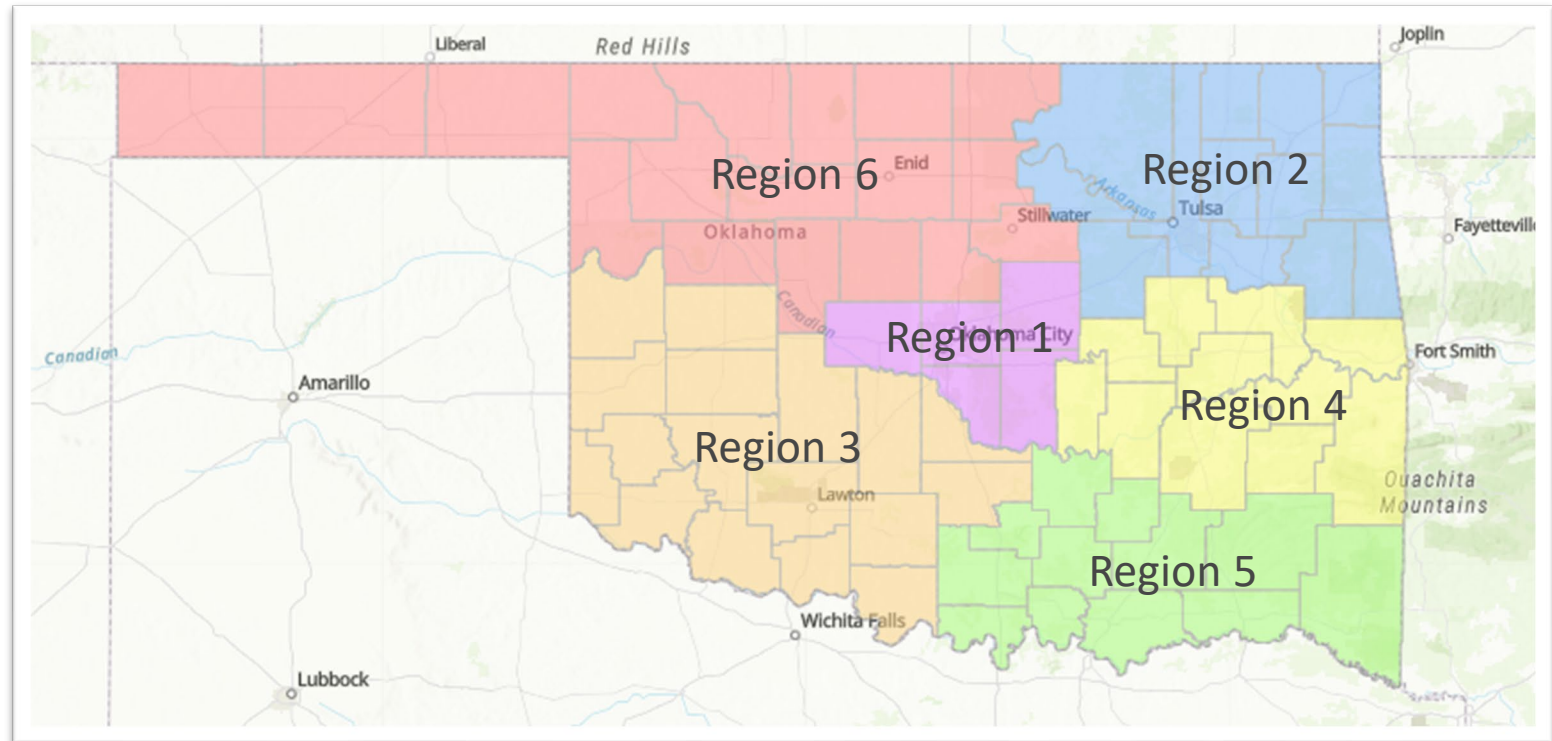
History of Oklahoma Weatherization

- OK Department of Commerce has administered program since 1977, but we contract with nonprofits to directly provide the services.
- Currently contract with 6 Community Action Agencies
- Funding to serve all 77 counties – as of January 2023, all counties previously not served will now be served
- Oklahoma has a nationally accredited Weatherization Training Center (Edmond) that specializes in training the unique professional skills needed for this work.
- Although this public hearing is about DOE funds, ODOC also administers and blends homes with DHS LIHEAP weatherization funds

Restructuring of Service Areas

- ODOC released a Request for Application (RFA) in November 2022.
- ODOC opened this RFA so other, non-Community Action Agencies could apply for it.
- All applications were due on January 13, 2023.
- Awarded parties will be notified by the end of January 2023.

New Subgrantee Service Areas



DRAFT Oklahoma State Plan Structure

- Annual File (Subgrantees and their individual award information)
- Budget (overall budget)
- Master File (policy and procedure)

Review of Oklahoma State Plan for 2023

Annual File



Annual File

- Subgrantee Award information
- Weatherization Policy Advisory Council (PAC) Information
- Public Hearing Details
- ODOC (Commerce) State Contacts

Annual File

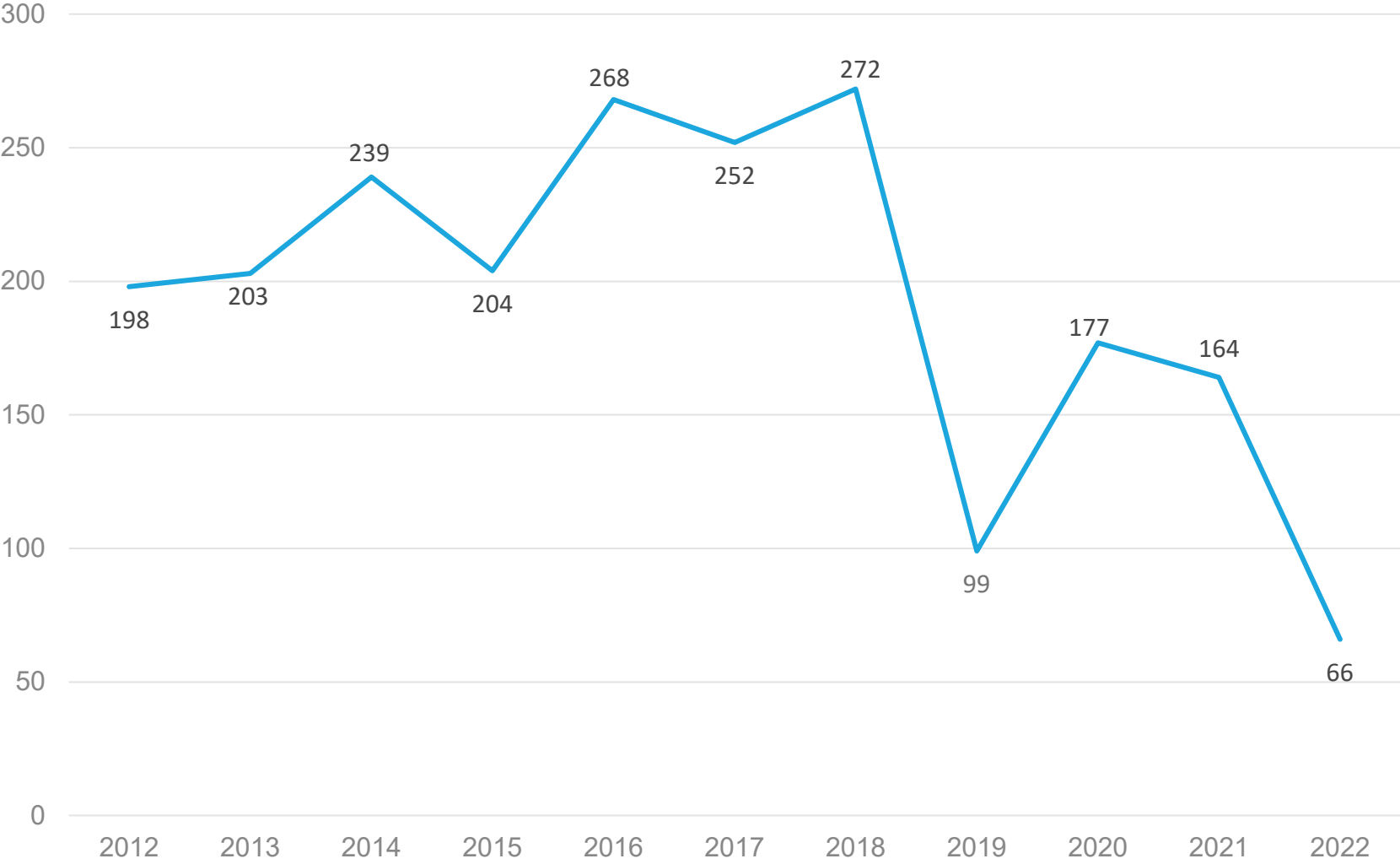
Total Program Year 2023 Award¹ = \$3,457,447

Previous Program Year 2022 Award = \$3,457,447

SUBGRANTEES

<u>Agency</u>	<u>Formula Allocation</u>	<u># of Homes</u>
Region 1	\$629,195.00	35
Region 2	\$675,888.00	33
Region 3	\$335,244.00	22
Region 4	\$279,475.00	22
Region 5	\$232,912.00	18
Region 6	\$339,021.00	20
TOTALS	\$2,491,735.00	150

Total 10 Year WAP Production



Policy Advisory Council

10 CFR 440.17 Policy Advisory Council

- Must establish a policy advisory council
- Must be representative of low income, and the “weatherization and energy conservation problems” of these persons
- Broadly representative to include elderly, low income, Native American,
- Advise on program implementation and funding allocation

Public Hearing

- ODOC is required to give the public 10-day notice of a hearing, and we released notice on January 10th, informing of today's hearing.

An in-person public hearing (with a virtual option via Zoom) will be held on January 24, 2023, at 1:00 pm.

Public hearing notification will be sent via GovDelivery no later than January 13, 2023, 10 days prior to the hearing to be held on January 24, 2023. ODOC was published on January 9, 2023. Notification of the website article will also be included in the periodic New Pioneer newsletter (ODOC's official newsletter to the public). A copy of the proposed PY23 state plan will be posted on ODOC's website during the entire public comment period of January 9 – 24, 2023.

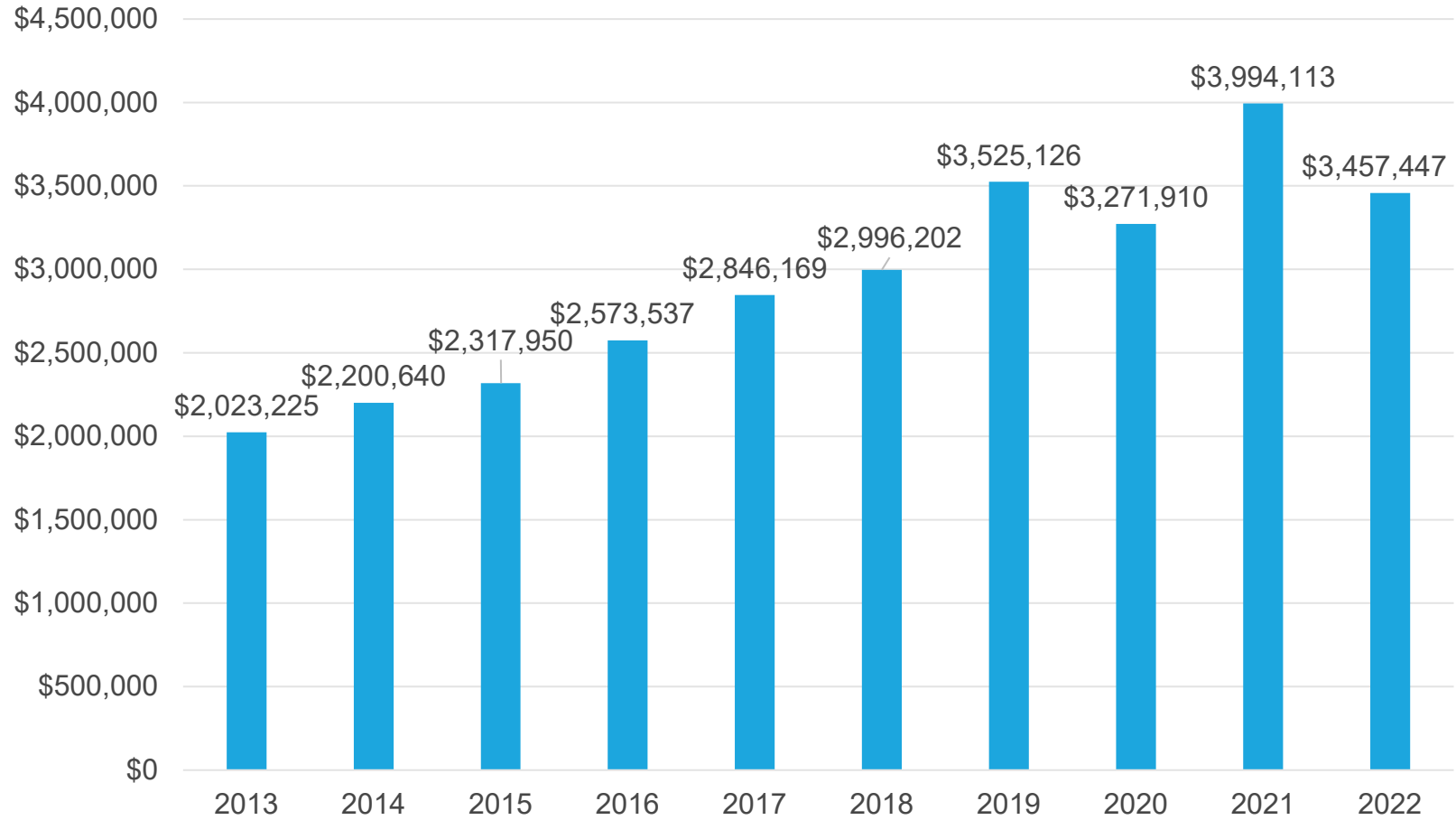
GovDelivery Public Hearing Notices and copies of ODOC's website/New Pioneer will be attached and submitted with this Plan upon finalization. The public hearing will be recorded, and a link to the recorded video along with the official transcript of the hearing will be attached and submitted with this Plan as well.

Review of Oklahoma State Plan for 2023

Budget



DOE WAP Historical Award, 2013-2022



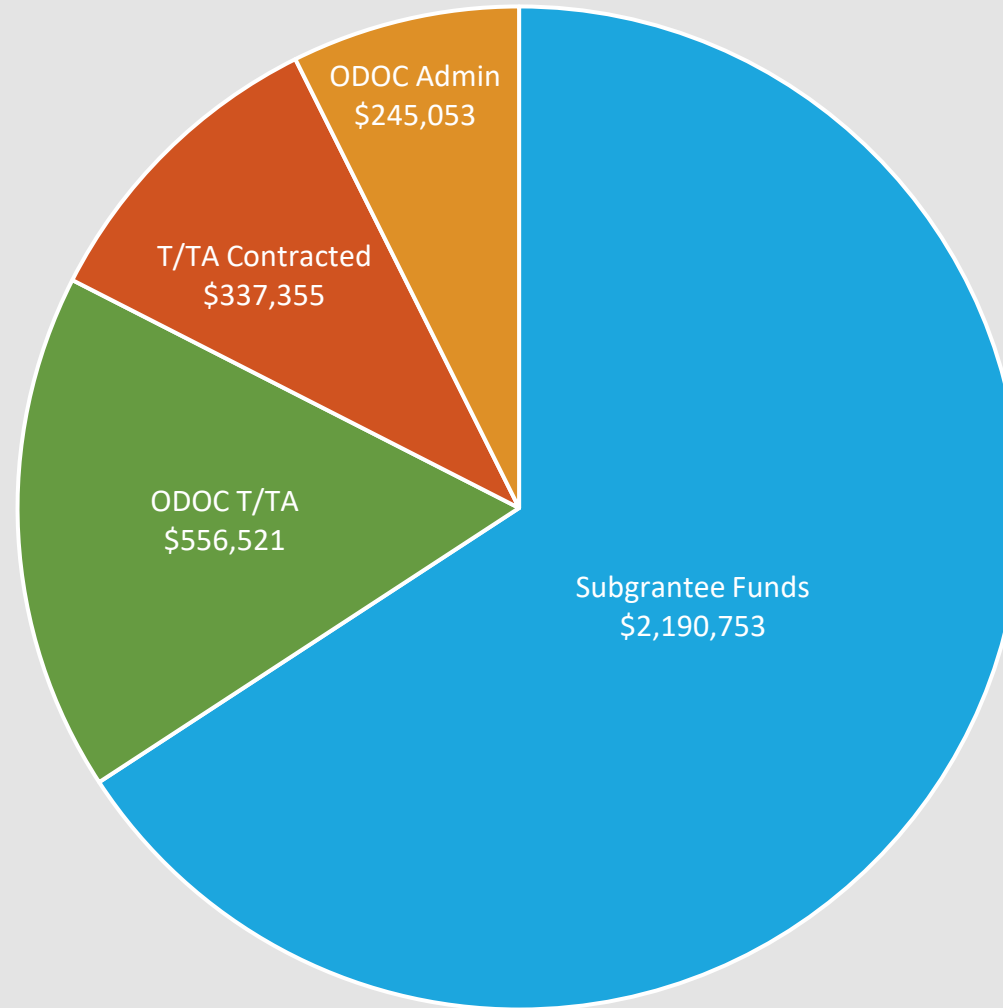
State Budget

	Grantee Admin (ODOC Funds)	Subgrantee Admin	Grantee T&TA (ODOC Funds)	Subgrantee T&TA	Program Ops	H&S	Liability	Financial Audits	Vehicles & Equipment	Total
Personnel	\$115,494.00	\$0.00	\$100,735.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$216,229.00
Benefits	\$57,747.00	\$0.00	\$50,367.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108,114.50
Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,150.00
Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Contract	\$10,000.00	\$306,624.00	\$337,355.00	\$30,000.00	\$1,792,465.00	\$304,718.00	\$17,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$2,813,162.00
Construction	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Direct Costs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Readiness	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190,066.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$190,066.00
Total Direct Charges	\$183,241.00	\$306,624.00	\$502,607.00	\$30,000.00	\$1,982,531.00	\$304,718.00	\$17,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,341,722.00
Indirect	\$61,812.00	\$0.00	\$53,914.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115,725.00
Totals	\$245,053.00	\$306,624.00	\$556,521.00	\$30,000.00	\$1,792,465.00	\$304,718.00	\$17,500.00	\$14,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,457,447.00

Total Budget Big Picture

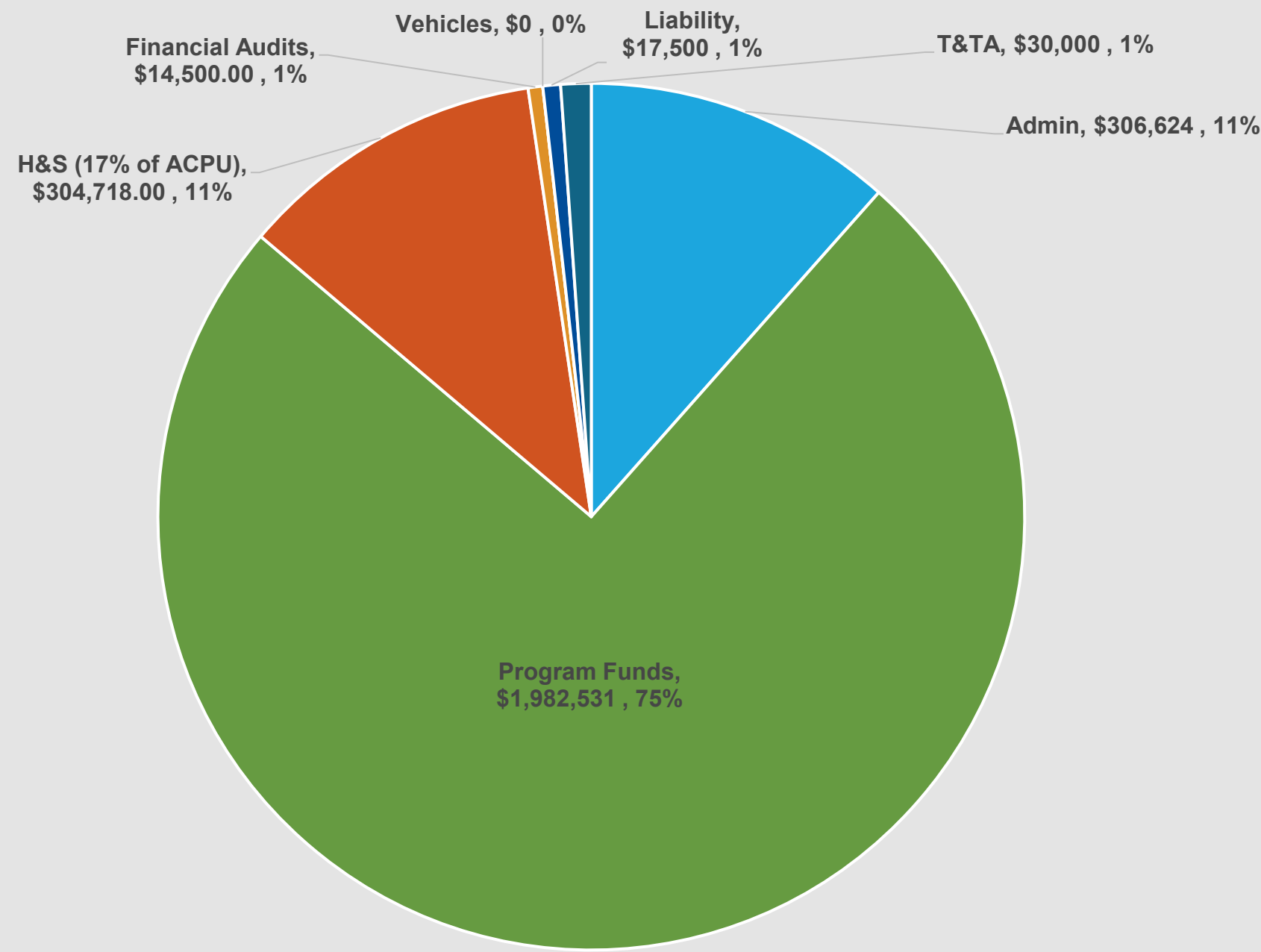
This is how much is budgeted towards

- ODOC T/TA & Admin (Salary, Travel, Databases, Monitoring Costs, & Supplies)
- Subgrantees and
- Third-Party Contractors (OKACAA, CHP Energy Solutions, etc.)
- Within T/TA Contracted is also additional set aside funding for Subgrantees if needed.



Subgrantee Budget

- This is how the total award budgeted for Subgrantees (\$2,655,873) is allocated.



State Plan Budget – Summary of Changes PY21 vs. PY23

- ODOC's indirect cost rate has increased from 19.75% to 35.68%
- Approximately \$1 million in carryover funds
- In general, no changes to most budget line items, using same budget to plan as in 2022 except the addition of the Readiness Funds line item.

Review of Oklahoma State Plan for 2023

Master File



Master File: Eligibility

Client Eligibility and Application Processing

- *New* Income Guidelines released by DOE
- No occupant health issues that would be exacerbated by WX
- No discrimination

Building Eligibility

- Homes must be deferred that do not meet these eligibility requirements
 - Readiness Funds may be available case-by-case
- No H&S or structural issues in the home outside scope of Wx (or reason to defer)
- Less than 45 years old OR WX work has been determined to cause no effects to an historic property
- Single Family or Mobile Home
- Final eligibility is determined only after both application and in person energy audit of home is completed.

Master File: Selection of Area to be Served

Per 10 CFR 440.14(c)(6)(ii): After the restructuring RFA has been completed, the Weatherization Assistance Program in Oklahoma is available through six (6) local Subgrantee Agencies – serving seventy-seven (77) counties. With this restructuring, ODOC was guaranteed that all seventy-seven (77) counties would be served. The awarded agencies will be notified shortly.

Master File: Priorities for Service Delivery

- Priority Applicants
 - 60+ years of age
 - Families with children 12 years and younger
 - High Residential Energy User
 - Households with High Energy Burden

Master File: Climate Conditions

Twenty (20) year average of cooling degree days and heating degree days- data gathered from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Climate Data Center, and the Climate Services and Monitoring Division. This data supports Oklahoma being able to install both warm and cold climate measures.

Master File: Technical Guides & Materials

- Weatherization work must conform to the National Energy Resource Laboratory's Standard Work Specifications <https://sws.nrel.gov/> - this is outlined in Oklahoma's DOE approved Field Guide.
- DOE approved the most recent updated Field Guide on June 7, 2021, and will remain valid until June 7, 2026. Subgrantees were required to use and implement the new Guides with all homes that began after July 1, 2018. Hard copy field guides were provided, with a required signature of receipt, to all Subgrantees.
- Energy Audits must now conform Oklahoma's Energy Audit Procedures.

Master File: Energy Audits

- Energy Audit
 - Physical Assessment
 - Unit information input into software program to analysis energy to cost savings ratio **(must be 1.0 except air sealing)**
 - Measures installed in home based on audit report, and any required health

Master File: Program Management & Monitoring

- **3 Energy Project Specialist that monitors annually (either desktop or onsite or virtually)**
 - Financial records
 - Client files
 - Inventory
 - Energy audits (just a “red flag” review)
 - Personnel files

- **1 Technical monitor (onsite & in the field)**
 - RFP Solicitation
 - Quality Assurance Inspections
 - 5% if Auditor and Agency QCI are different persons
 - 10% if Auditor and Agency QCI are same persons
 - This often is only 1 home; ODOC policy minimum 2
 - Should be done before end of program year

Master File: Program Management & Technical Assistance

- **Four WAP classifications**
 - Crew Leader
 - Quality Control Inspector (BPI Certification required)
 - Retrofit Installer
 - Energy Auditor
- **Other trainings**
 - ASHRAE, EPA RRP, Health and Safety, CAZ

Master File: Health & Safety

- COVID Protocol
 - ODOC will not require local agencies to follow any state-mandated pandemic protocol. Agencies will be encouraged to develop and maintain their own protocol to match the agency's comfort level. ODOC staff may request a variety of procedures when ODOC staff is visiting an agency or client home.

Dates to Remember

- January 9-January 24, 2023: Public Comment Period
- January 24, 2023 (11:00-12:00pm): Network State Plan Webinar to review the proposed PY 23 State Plan and any feedback or input received.
- January 24, 2023 (1:00pm): Zoom virtual and in-person public hearing
- January 24, 2023 (5:00pm): Public comments due
- February 1, 2023: Anticipated State Plan submission to DOE
- February 10, 2023 (12:00pm): DOE State Plan submission due date

**Thank you for attending
today.**

DOE PY 23 State Plan

