

Key Questions and Considerations for Statewide Energy Assistance Program Design

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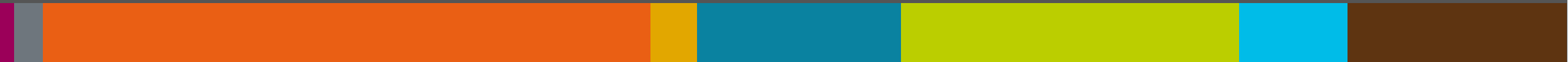


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ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

Legislative requirements



Program design considerations

- **Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5187 (2023)**
 - “[A] state appropriation is provided solely for the department to **develop recommendations on a design for a statewide energy assistance program** to address the energy burden [of] and provide access to energy assistance for low-income households.”
- **Recommendations must consider**
 - Data collection on energy burden and assistance need
 - Universal intake coordination and data sharing
 - Program eligibility, enrollment, and administration
 - Multicultural services, and outreach and community engagement
 - Funding and reporting
- **Deadline: Jan. 1, 2024 (extension to June 2024)**

**What are we doing at today's
workshop?**



Objectives

- **Identify key questions and considerations**
 - This will benefit us as we proceed in future workshops and consider potential program design elements of a statewide low-income energy assistance program
 - Inform our upcoming comment deadline on July 21
 - Learn from one another

Program design elements

Key questions and considerations (see Word document)



Next steps

How to submit comments and upcoming events



Upcoming events

- Comment deadline: Friday, July 21
- Next workshop: Tuesday, July 25 @ 1 pm
- Following comment deadline: Friday, August 4
- Materials will be posted on the CETA Energy Assistance webpage as they become available

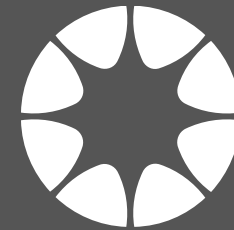
Thank you!

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