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Maria Gallardo 00:15:28.755 --> 00:15:48.291
Thank you David. Good afternoon. Everyone I will take the pack members. Roll call. I will name your name. Please let us know if your dress and we are also watching the, the chat. So the 1st person baron from people.

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Maria Gallardo 00:15:53.000 --> 00:16:05.055
I see Michelle, that type her name. So, Michelle, for now, we're gonna take your name as the proxy Christian.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:05.239 --> 00:16:15.284
And from Denny's, from city of Chicago, the Department of family and support services, a Jason Decker from comment.

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Nichole Owens 00:16:19.244 --> 00:16:21.764
To be in a call from comment.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:22.694 --> 00:16:29.474
Oh, hi, Nicole. So, are you going to be serving as a proxy today?

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Nichole Owens 00:16:30.524 --> 00:16:31.724
No, I'm on the pack now.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:32.834 --> 00:16:37.634
Oh, okay. Okay. Okay. So I'm sorry I didn't have that. That change. I apologize.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:49.640 --> 00:16:49.850
You know.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:52.184 --> 00:16:52.514
Yeah.

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Kim Bond 00:16:54.464 --> 00:16:55.754

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Yes, I'll service.

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Maria Gallardo 00:16:56.414 --> 00:17:05.264

Perfect. Okay. Thank you. So much. We have a barber, a skilled send from the Illinois area agency on aging.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:08.024 --> 00:17:11.864

Then we have, uh, 1, the Hopkins from self esteem.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:15.194 --> 00:17:19.484

Okay, then we have Joan Howard from the Commerce Commission.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:22.784 --> 00:17:24.494

I think I saw Joan.

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Joan Howard 00:17:26.144 --> 00:17:27.553

Maria, yes, thank you.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:27.793 --> 00:17:28.874

Okay, thank you John.

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david wortman 00:17:29.174 --> 00:17:32.204

Did you also see that Wanda is a.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:32.774 --> 00:17:41.834

Oh, I did not see her. Okay so I'm getting her here. Um, then we have a rough card from the Illinois retail.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:41.984 --> 00:17:42.974

Association.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:45.104 --> 00:17:50.384

We have Jared police issue city of Chicago city namiars office.

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Jared Policicchio, City of Chicago, he/him 00:17:52.640 --> 00:17:52.940

Here.

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Maria Gallardo 00:17:53.505 --> 00:17:59.055

Okay, thank you so much. We have redness from night for guests.

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Jen Marten 00:18:01.304 --> 00:18:03.884

Maria, this is gen, Ellen will be joining late.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:04.484 --> 00:18:12.224

Okay, thank you for letting us know then we have Ryan Robertson from Robertson and.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:14.294 --> 00:18:19.694

Uh, we have the Lisa, so the from the county and regional planning commission.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:24.104 --> 00:18:28.784

Then we'll go with Terry editor from the Department of human services.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:32.414 --> 00:18:43.424

Laurie walls from the city of Chicago. Okay, thank you Laurie. Then we have increased white from wheel county center for community concerns.

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kwhite 00:18:45.764 --> 00:18:46.754

Yes.

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Maria Gallardo 00:18:47.144 --> 00:19:05.354

Hi, Chris, thank you. Then we have a Stacy Wilson from Illinois, municipal electric agency. I see her. She type her name on the chat. Thank you. Stacy. We have Kevin, right? The signee representing independent.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:05.865 --> 00:19:25.605

Energy providers, and we have David from the Department of commerce, seeing the chat that Kristin Danny is from city of Chicago type his name. So thank you, Christine and the other PAC member that has.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:25.879 --> 00:19:27.164

Identify themselves.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:40.760 --> 00:19:42.975

Sarah, we have your name.

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Maria Gallardo 00:19:48.284 --> 00:19:57.494

Okay, so David, we have 11 members today that so far I've accounted so I'll turn it back to you.

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david wortman 00:19:58.274 --> 00:20:00.434

That's 11 out of 20 I believe.

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Maria Gallardo 00:20:01.154 --> 00:20:02.384

Out of 19.

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david wortman 00:20:02.894 --> 00:20:05.234

19, so, 11 out of 19 so we do have.

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david wortman 00:20:05.264 --> 00:20:25.394

Quorum so we're doing all that this meeting, because we are doing the state plan, which will require a vote that's later in the meeting, but we didn't need a quorum to do that. So that's good to know. So, we will move on to the next item, which is approval of the minutes of the 20.

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david wortman 00:20:25.544 --> 00:20:45.525

April 2009 29th meeting the last quarterly meeting, and I actually this week went out and watched that full video to remember what was going on with the app. So I can verify that the video was out there and the transcript as well. But I would take a.

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david wortman 00:20:45.585 --> 00:20:51.045

In a 2nd, to approve those documents anyone on the back.

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kwhite 00:20:52.605 --> 00:20:53.655

This is Chris.

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david wortman 00:20:54.135 --> 00:20:54.915

Thank you Chris.

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Joan Howard 00:21:00.074 --> 00:21:00.494

Power.

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david wortman 00:21:01.064 --> 00:21:17.054

Okay, thank you, John. So move by Chris white. A 2nd, and by Joan how're to approve the minutes from the last meeting the documents, the transcript and video so all those in favor say, aye aye and you want to post.

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david wortman 00:21:17.264 --> 00:21:37.394

Can come up you and say post hearing none we will continue on. So we have a lot to talk about this meeting. There's been a lot that's gone on since the last meeting and we're planning for next year. We're going to look over last year, so we'll jump right?

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david wortman 00:21:37.399 --> 00:21:57.164

Into it, the packed discussion items, we got up there on the screen, we're going to switch it a little because the make and Wayne have a meeting that they need to get to here in just a little bit. So, Ben, I'm going to jump you and have you come back and do your 2nd hand off to.

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david wortman 00:21:57.559 --> 00:21:59.504

Nick for the update.

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Ben Moore 00:22:00.524 --> 00:22:00.884

Okay.

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Mick Prince 00:22:02.324 --> 00:22:04.244

Thank you, David. Can you hear me? Okay.

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david wortman 00:22:04.514 --> 00:22:04.934

Huh.

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Mick Prince 00:22:05.684 --> 00:22:17.696

Okay, great. So, in the production report that was sent out earlier in the week, it shows our actual production for program year 20.

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Mick Prince 00:22:36.180 --> 00:22:56.335

How much carry over to consider so we still got a long ways to go with production. We're not where we want as far as unit count goes, but we're hoping that, you know, that we're somewhat out of the.

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Mick Prince 00:22:56.454 --> 00:23:16.494

Was coded, although it it sounds like things are tightening back up again, but as more folks are being vaccinated, we hope that it's easier to get into homes and we hope that some of the supply chain issues we've seen over the last year and a half are are easing a little bit and we'll be able to get to.

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Mick Prince 00:23:17.094 --> 00:23:36.594

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The materials needed to do the work, so just a couple of quick updates and we've, we've started working with a contractor on the rebuild of our works database. So really excited about that. We're working. It's.

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Mick Prince 00:23:36.684 --> 00:23:56.304

Oracle products that we're working with, it's kind of a type product and we're, we're working with apex on the rebuild and we're just doing some information gathering right now and coming up with detailed requirements. But we've been doing that for a decade.

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Mick Prince 00:23:56.819 --> 00:24:16.974

In preparation for this, and so we've got we've got a lot of good ideas for whether works moving forward. Some folks might be aware there's a potential for whether ization stimulus in the infrastructure bill. We have we don't know.

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Mick Prince 00:24:16.979 --> 00:24:37.074

Details about that, but I'm told that that's nearing getting closer to being passed anyway. So as soon as we have more information on that, we'll be definitely meeting with the network and planning a ramp up.

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Mick Prince 00:24:44.600 --> 00:25:04.755

Taking on this year, we're allowing local agencies to provide contractors stipends to attend training, but something, Wayne, and I are excited about hopefully we can get more contractors interested in participating in the program. Another thing that we've done for.

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Mick Prince 00:25:04.759 --> 00:25:24.181

Agencies is come up with a trade school, tuition reimbursement program. So, local agencies can hire folks that have attended a trade school and do tuition reimbursement up to 15,000 dollars over a 3 year period.

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Mick Prince 00:25:25.004 --> 00:25:45.074

So, hopefully, we can get some, some folks interested in doing this type of work. Another thing we've done are we're working on right now is we're modifying the current grant with equipment acquisition modifications.

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Mick Prince 00:25:45.079 --> 00:26:05.218

So, I think we had around 2.5Million dollars that we put out to the network, and they're able to buy some new equipment, new vehicles, blower doors, all the things we required to do, whether ization and that's kind of in prep for the potential.

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Mick Prince 00:26:05.239 --> 00:26:20.924

For stimulus funding, so that's that's what we're working on. And, like I said, as soon as we know from the more from the infrastructure will be scheduling meetings with the network and and working on ramp up.

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Mick Prince 00:26:23.239 --> 00:26:25.574

That's all I've got David. Any questions.

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david wortman 00:26:28.094 --> 00:26:41.714

any questions from the audience i will say that mick had to go first because he's heading straight to a meeting to design the new whether it works system so it is being worked on today

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david wortman 00:26:46.394 --> 00:26:55.034

Okay, if there are no questions, then thank you, Mick. We'll move on to the next item on the agenda, which is a fiscal report from Ben.

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Ben Moore 00:26:56.954 --> 00:26:57.494

Okay.

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Ben Moore 00:26:58.454 --> 00:26:58.724

Thank you.

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david wortman 00:26:58.994 --> 00:26:59.324

What.

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david wortman 00:27:01.425 --> 00:27:03.285

Where you want the.

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Ben Moore 00:27:03.705 --> 00:27:20.265

Yeah, that's when we start at the top so going to go over the fiscal overview that was distributed to the group, I will say there after we sent it out. I did David, and I noticed a couple changes that needed to be made on this report. So, I'll point those out.

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Ben Moore 00:27:20.894 --> 00:27:40.914

As we go along for, and that information is the same as the reports that were distributed. So, for this is an overview of the activity and in 2021, all the grants haven't been closed out. Yet those are the middle of August close out or do. So.

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Ben Moore 00:27:41.144 --> 00:28:01.112

These numbers are close to final, but there still may be some adjustments as the grants finalized. So, for we had about 37.8 Million out to grantees for the 21 program year, and there were about 22 Million dollars in expenditure. So that doesn't leave about 15.8 remaining.

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Ben Moore 00:28:01.159 --> 00:28:21.283

As, as I pointed out before a couple of these grants, the top 2, the grant and the state grant, those grants run through September 30th. So, even though there's remaining funds from the 21 program year, those those dollars are available through the end of September.

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Ben Moore 00:28:21.555 --> 00:28:41.427

Grantees have a few months in this program year to spend them out. That's about 10.5. that's available. And then the full point 9 that is remaining from the deal. We grant the 17, 44 series, although that grant ended our. We have a multi year grant with and it was slated initially to end.

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Ben Moore 00:28:41.745 --> 00:29:01.620

At the end of this past program, June 30th, but they did extend it to the end of the next program year, which is June 30, 2022. so that 4.9 Million dollars, we can re, obligate to grantees who need it for the 2022 program year to try to get it extended.

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Ben Moore 00:29:02.175 --> 00:29:21.779

This upcoming the current program year, 22 is the last year of that grant cycle so we need to get that spent before the end of this company. And as far as the 22 program here we do grants are in the process of being issued.

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Ben Moore 00:29:26.700 --> 00:29:35.845

Some challenges and getting those finalized and obligated, but they are in process and they're close to being being finalized.

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Ben Moore 00:29:37.859 --> 00:29:40.734

Any questions on the portion of the report.

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Ben Moore 00:29:46.165 --> 00:30:02.863

Okay, if you come up with any, I'll be glad to address that as we go for, like, the couple of changes that we had on the top section there, the 22 to 4 grant I did in my initial report that we.

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Ben Moore 00:30:03.060 --> 00:30:23.068

We distributed, I showed the available funding and the obligations lower than they really are this as, you know, is a 2 year Grant and so, in order to show what's available for this program here, we had to determine what was already extended in 21 and I did make an error in that, so there was more available.

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Ben Moore 00:30:23.220 --> 00:30:42.468

Here we had about 98Million available, and I showed a lower amount. I can't remember David what that was, but regardless that was 1 of the changes, the other change was down in the state grant at the bottom there the heating.

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Ben Moore 00:30:43.615 --> 00:31:03.148

My original report did not include the about 55Million dollars that made in direct payments to the utilities for the app program, because those are captured online dot net but those are now included. So I just wanted to point those, those differences out. So, with those changes the.

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Ben Moore 00:31:03.774 --> 00:31:23.690

Available amount that we had out to the grantees and again, that includes the, you, that payments will made directly to the utilities is about 376Million. David's going to go a little more over some of the details of our expenditures this year later in the meeting. But we spent about 343.

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Ben Moore 00:31:23.725 --> 00:31:43.675

This year, so there is about 65Million left. 1 thing I want to point out again is like, this 14.1 or 7Million in the 21 224 grant that grant goes to the end of next June and we are still finalizing some of the, the.

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Ben Moore 00:31:44.004 --> 00:32:04.014

Accounting for the supplemental payments, so that number that number may go down but that will be available for the next program year. Those are dollars that are already out in grants to to grantees. Now, typically, we, we don't spend nearly as much of the of the, in the 1st, year of.

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Ben Moore 00:32:04.019 --> 00:32:24.060

It's life, but because of the supplemental, we did extend a significant, significantly larger amount in this 1st year. So there's not nearly as much left as normal but we do have the funding available for 2022 and then the state money that's available since that's a revolving.

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Ben Moore 00:32:24.294 --> 00:32:41.004

We will have that available to reissue. So, on a good know, we really don't have any significant amount of money that would be returned to the because it says this year, which is obviously always our, our goal to make sure that we extend the dollars here in Illinois, rather than send them back.

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Ben Moore 00:32:44.334 --> 00:32:57.594

I think that's about all I have David if there are any questions. Oh, well, there I, the 2nd page is the distribution of the state funds by utility, which, which had been requested by by some of the members. So.

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david wortman 00:33:06.325 --> 00:33:09.595

1Million, but I know we spent a lot more on state funds, so it just doesn't.

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Ben Moore 00:33:09.595 --> 00:33:09.805

And.

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david wortman 00:33:10.495 --> 00:33:10.795

The.

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Ben Moore 00:33:11.275 --> 00:33:23.923

Good point. Yeah. Good point. I did not try to incorporate the LDAP in there. So that's a very good point. David. Yeah. So that would be and probably an additional 55Million or.

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david wortman 00:33:24.655 --> 00:33:26.455

Right and 1 of the slides in my.

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david wortman 00:33:26.484 --> 00:33:33.594

Presentation shows how much each utility got from the state, you'd app payments. So if you really want to know.

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Ben Moore 00:33:33.594 --> 00:33:33.804

Right.

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david wortman 00:33:34.374 --> 00:33:34.794

Added.

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Ben Moore 00:33:37.494 --> 00:33:39.504

Yeah, thank you for pointing that out. Yeah.

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david wortman 00:33:40.314 --> 00:33:43.224

Okay all right. Are there any questions for Ben.

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Nichole Owens 00:33:45.684 --> 00:33:59.124

Um, this is Nicole I had a question for Ben, just for clarification on the that slide. Thank you for the 14Million. Did you clarify that? Did you set that amount will be reduced from the 224 grant based on.

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Ben Moore 00:33:59.154 --> 00:33:59.334

The.

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Nichole Owens 00:34:00.144 --> 00:34:00.834

State likely.

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Ben Moore 00:34:01.974 --> 00:34:05.394

No, what I was saying is those dollars that.

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Ben Moore 00:34:06.114 --> 00:34:25.854

Well, 1st of all, those are dollars out and grants that are will be available to spend through the end of next year. So so they're not lost with my 1st point and they're available for any great that's obviously accumulation of grantees who have some remaining funds in that. But what I was saying is that we're still finalizing the accounting for the.

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Ben Moore 00:34:25.884 --> 00:34:42.516

Mental payments that happened late in the program year. So after that, the dust has settled on those, that dollar amount may be less was my point. I think that, yeah, so it just may not quite be that much after we finalize our, the accounting for the 22 for our 21 program.

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Nichole Owens 00:34:51.899 --> 00:35:01.105

Was when you mentioned that, we wouldn't have money that go back to the federal. Do you have an estimate around what that might be?

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Ben Moore 00:35:01.105 --> 00:35:01.285

Right.

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Nichole Owens 00:35:01.285 --> 00:35:02.725

Yeah.

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Ben Moore 00:35:03.655 --> 00:35:11.989

At this point, essentially, the 18,000 here, which is nominal, may go back.

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Ben Moore 00:35:12.714 --> 00:35:29.227

So, out of out of 170Million or so dollar grant, I think that, you know, obviously we, we make our best effort to get it down to the penny on the old grants but sometimes it's a challenge. But, yeah, that's that's the amount at this point.

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Nichole Owens 00:35:30.894 --> 00:35:31.284

Thank you.

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Ben Moore 00:35:32.244 --> 00:35:32.574

Sure.

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david wortman 00:35:35.305 --> 00:35:38.185

Okay, are there any other questions for Ben.

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david wortman 00:35:41.304 --> 00:35:55.854

All right, hearing none, let's see, we'll go into the discussion of the report and that is a presentation that I'm going to do.

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david wortman 00:35:59.364 --> 00:36:18.258

So, there's been a lot go on in the last year. The program year 21 was a unusual year, so there's quite a bit to talk about to start off. I'm going to go over the legislative update because there's news on that today.

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david wortman 00:36:18.714 --> 00:36:38.424

And I'll talk about that in a 2nd, then we'll summarize program your 21 for life, and then talk about next year and beyond. So that's what we'll go through legislative update. So, in the spring session, there were 2.

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david wortman 00:36:38.459 --> 00:36:58.614

Bills that had language pertaining to the energy for energy assistance act, and they had similar language. The BIM had the a lot of the language that came out of the energy affordability discussion group on a bill that was run.

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david wortman 00:36:58.619 --> 00:37:18.737

But I believe the local agencies and the poverty advocates were behind 265 Senate bill 265 and a lot of the language from 265 ended up in the bill 2017, but not all of it. The, the section.

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david wortman 00:37:18.805 --> 00:37:38.929

Pertaining to Pip was not in the bill so we've been waiting. The bill was signed back in June, I believe, June 17th from memory. So we've been operating under some of the new language from the 2 acts, but the.

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david wortman 00:37:38.940 --> 00:37:53.665

Tip section was not signed. Well, Larry called me yesterday with news that the governor was signing that today. I see that. larry's on the call, Larry. Can you come off mute and tell us did it get signed.

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Larry Dawson 00:37:54.685 --> 00:37:59.005

It did, in fact, get signed it is part of long.

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Larry Dawson 00:37:59.099 --> 00:38:11.484

Now, and we're just looking forward to how, how we wade through language from 2 different bills and how that will be implemented, going forward.

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david wortman 00:38:12.114 --> 00:38:19.254

All right Yep. Thanks. Thanks, Larry. So, that was good news. Uh, I think, you know, there was the energy affordability discussion.

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david wortman 00:38:19.259 --> 00:38:39.174

Group did a lot of work to put this together and I know there was some variance on language, but I think overall it was a good process and we ended up with some good changes that were needed. So, the thing I will say the, there is a little confusion on some of the.

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david wortman 00:38:39.419 --> 00:38:59.574

Language, and I think that I'll need to work with the lawyers here on some of it, and I may reach out, not me I'm going to reach out to the to talk about some of that. And I'll talk about that on the next slide. But on this slide, the thing I will say is that in the them there is.

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david wortman 00:38:59.579 --> 00:39:19.522

Language the no sweep language is in there and the energy assistance that 265 the no sweeps language is not included. So whether or not, they know sweeps language is actually in law. Now. I'm not entirely clear on, but we're going to.

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david wortman 00:39:19.764 --> 00:39:39.894

The goal are, we're going to endeavor to spend the money so the sweeps won't matter anyway, but I'm not positive whether that language is in there or not. So on language that I know isn't there? This is the in both bills. This is the non Pip section. So, I'll go through what what I know is.

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david wortman 00:39:54.955 --> 00:40:14.260

Um, we've added households with children under 6 as a priority category. We've made it so the carries over from year to year. So that 10% of it is to be allocated for previously that didn't carry over. But now we won't be able to.

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david wortman 00:40:14.664 --> 00:40:34.794

It doesn't mean it has to be spent on, but it is available in future years if if we decide to do it that way and the other thing deposits for if an outside entity gives money specifically for we're able to mark that money.

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david wortman 00:40:34.824 --> 00:40:54.750

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As, and use it going forward for so that was those sections admin was raised to 13% with at least 8% going to the local agencies. There's a meter charge increase and I'll talk about that on the next slide. The, there's a.

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david wortman 00:40:55.164 --> 00:41:15.096

Change in the section 13, which is the general section that changes the, uh, the utility account number to trigger inclusion in the program at 25,000. I am.

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david wortman 00:41:15.119 --> 00:41:35.274

Used over what exactly that the language means. I know. From the energy discussion group what the I think I know what the intention was, but I'm not entirely certain that that's what's in the in the text. So, I will be working with our attorneys and going to be.

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david wortman 00:41:35.279 --> 00:41:55.403

Reaching out to the to talk about what this language means. The reason that I'm a little confused by it. There's a 100,000. the number previously was 100,000. I think it's.

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david wortman 00:42:15.000 --> 00:42:35.150

So, in 18, it still says, 100,000, but I think what I would like to do is take time to review this. And at the next pack meeting, bring back kind of a report on what this the new legislation means. So, that's.

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david wortman 00:42:35.274 --> 00:42:55.224

Uh, we can talk about that, but that's the way I'm planning on handling it. The item number 7 there doubling I say, the doubling of tip from the 2020 numbers to 2024 that we are to endeavor. I believe it's the for they use.

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david wortman 00:42:55.524 --> 00:43:15.474

And, uh, we are on our ways to doing that. I'll show you when we talk about the budgets going forward that we are going to be trying to implement that. It, the 265 removes the, what? We've been calling the geographic limit. It's the requirement to.

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david wortman 00:43:15.504 --> 00:43:35.634

To the utilities, the, and page of the utilities, the amount that they send to the fund, I really don't think in practice that the utilities are going to know notice much difference with this because we're not spending all the.

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david wortman 00:43:35.639 --> 00:43:55.794

Funding, I think if we get to the point where we're not spending all the funding, then that may have impact, but I really think, with the way, we're, we're looking at the next few years. I think that's going to have minimal impact on the actual distribution of funding that I can tell you for our implementation here.

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david wortman 00:43:55.854 --> 00:44:15.954

The the way we have to administer it, this is going to make it a lot easier for us to administer. And then finally the eligibility is extended to all residents of Illinois, regardless of immigration status. So, I think because that's a lot.

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david wortman 00:44:15.959 --> 00:44:26.664

Not, I think I'll stop for a moment and see if there are any comments. I think I just saw a chat from Ellen.

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david wortman 00:44:29.544 --> 00:44:49.074

Alan says, recommend that are joined to understanding of what the legislation means should not wait until next pack meeting. Yeah. I mean, we can, we can talk about that on the thing. I will say where we've started. My, my understanding from the Congress.

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david wortman 00:44:49.080 --> 00:45:08.815

Stations during the affordability meetings was that this was primarily talking about the PIP and the concern of the poverty advocates that pushed that were wanting this language included was concerning PIP. And I think that.

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david wortman 00:45:09.239 --> 00:45:28.824

I think the, including a new utility in the middle of a year would be difficult for us. So, I think we, even regardless of what the results of the conversation is, I think we would be looking at it being something for.

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david wortman 00:45:29.634 --> 00:45:42.534

Next season anyway, so we can talk about that. If you want to call me later or something, we can, we can discuss. Oh, I just saw another 1, right? When I close the let me open the chat.

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david wortman 00:45:46.585 --> 00:45:52.765

Uh, on the households enrolled, we'll talk about that between you in a little bit.

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david wortman 00:45:55.344 --> 00:46:14.658

Okay, so going on with the I want to talk quickly about the meter charge increase that was included in Santa Bill 265 the language in the bill says that January 1st, 2022.

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david wortman 00:46:15.119 --> 00:46:34.886

Charge is 48 cents per month per account so there will be no change for the calendar year 2002, but if we exceed 80% of the fiscal years funding, then.

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david wortman 00:46:35.334 --> 00:46:55.314

It triggers a 16 cent increase that's 4th of the 48. and if we do that 3 years, then we get to a doubling, but we have to every year trigger the spending 80%. So that is that's in there. And that is our goal now, going forward for.

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david wortman 00:46:55.555 --> 00:47:15.587

In the next couple of years, but I just do want to point out that that's not starting January 22. the earliest that could kick in would be January of 2003 but I also, we've talked internally about how do we determine what what's the trigger and who exactly. Does this my suggestion in the way that I'm going to move.

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david wortman 00:47:15.599 --> 00:47:35.739

Forward on this is if you go to the Illinois controller's website, and you do a, you can do a revenue or an expenditure by fund. So I've gone into this was just the other day Tuesday. I believe this is for fiscal year, 21 and fund 5.

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david wortman 00:47:35.760 --> 00:47:43.395

50, which is the supplemental income energy fund. We had revenues of 98.7000.

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david wortman 00:47:45.894 --> 00:48:05.214

And same website, but a different you go to the expenditures, the expenditure, and the same fund for program year, or for fiscal year 21, the expenditures were 105.9Million. So the 2 previous years, we have been spending at about 50.

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david wortman 00:48:05.784 --> 00:48:25.623

If you when you go in now, and you can look up on the controller's website and see that, that's what we had been doing. So for 21 spending 107% we would have that would have triggered the increase and it would have been 16 cents. But since the 22.

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david wortman 00:48:25.944 --> 00:48:45.920

Is set at 48 it doesn't do that, but we are designing our program for a program year 22 to exceed it. So, our expectation is that January 1st of 23 we are, our expectation is that we will trigger it and.

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david wortman 00:48:45.984 --> 00:49:05.780

Meter charge will go up and 23, so that pretty well wraps up the discussion on the, the new legislation. I do want to say. I mentioned it, but there was a lot of meetings, and a lot of work for the energy affordability discussion group.

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david wortman 00:49:06.324 --> 00:49:26.274

You know, it started with the I remember Karen calling me. It seems like over a year ago and start talking about putting this together. So I just want to say to everyone that participated in those meetings and for Larry and the, the agencies, the poverty.

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david wortman 00:49:26.304 --> 00:49:46.164

Advocates John running the meeting's Allen, the utilities, all of us put a lot of work into it and I think the benefits are going to be great. So congratulations everyone on that. That was a lot of work, but it's come to fruition.

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david wortman 00:49:49.735 --> 00:50:06.535

So, now I'm going to go into and review a program, you're 21 and looking forward to 22 and beyond and I just want to start by saying all of the numbers that you're going to see on this report for the rest of.

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david wortman 00:50:06.624 --> 00:50:26.754

Of the rest of this slide show, our client benefit numbers the agencies, as you're looking at these just remember that your admin program support are not included. So your, your grant is not going to look like these numbers. I'm going to be sending a spreadsheet out.

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david wortman 00:50:26.760 --> 00:50:46.056

Think I'll do it next week with the workshop that has the allocation with the full number. But what I'm showing here is client benefits. So the last prior to program your 21, the last couple of years in 19, we did 24 Million in.

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david wortman 00:50:47.094 --> 00:51:07.058

And 153 Million in regular life heap. So we get 177 Million program year 19. what? I would call our last normal year and 20. we did 26 Million PIP. So increased a little bit maybe 10% and we were down a little bit and.

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david wortman 00:51:07.080 --> 00:51:26.944

My heap and that's because I think we were on track. Not. I think we were on track to have a similar year to 19, but we lost about the last 6 weeks due to coven. That was that started cobit. So, 177 that's around.

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david wortman 00:51:27.239 --> 00:51:29.364

Our normal year was pretty.

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david wortman 00:51:32.484 --> 00:51:51.613

Uh, I think it was April May June, July meeting last year in 2020 we laid out the budget and our goal for program year 21. you guys have seen this slide several times. Our goal was to get 295 Million dollars out.

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david wortman 00:51:51.719 --> 00:52:11.858

Benefits coming from a couple grants, and then using quite a bit of state funding 120 Million in state funding to get to the 2 and 95. so, that was our goal. This is the results of our operation. So in 21 we did the 20.

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david wortman 00:52:11.880 --> 00:52:32.032

9Million in tip so we did see an increase in tip another about 10% on our regular operations for life. So, prior to the LDAP and the supplemental at the end of the year, our regular operations, we did 166Million. So.

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david wortman 00:52:32.039 --> 00:52:52.119

Between the 2, what I would call the regular operations, we did 195Million so we were significantly short of the 295Million that we were aiming for. So that is where the need for the U.

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david wortman 00:52:52.199 --> 00:53:12.329

To come in and between the app and the supplemental, I'll show you how those breakdown, but we were able to do another 148Million it's still in process right now with the supplemental. So we had 343Million in funding that went out the door. Now, you might say, wait a minute, you.

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david wortman 00:53:12.359 --> 00:53:32.427

Budgeted 295, you spend 343. how'd you do that? So, the way that worked out is because we have the RPO funding in January. We knew that we were going to get our for funding and then a month or so later we found out exactly how much we were getting.

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david wortman 00:53:32.545 --> 00:53:52.647

We knew that we are going to get 208Million of our funding or 209Million maybe of our, but funding and program year, 22. so you can see our normal years are around 177 even last year with cobit. We did 195. we're getting.

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david wortman 00:53:52.704 --> 00:54:12.828

209Million just in federal dollars that has to be spent in 2002. so when we knew that we decided to try to take as much of the 21 grant that's normally spent in 21 and 22 and so.

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david wortman 00:54:12.839 --> 00:54:32.439

Budgeted we had budgeted 42Million of that 21 grant in program year 21. we ended up spending 105Million. So, to the extent that we could, we tried to take the 21 money that would have been spent in 2002 and moved it into program year 21.

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david wortman 00:54:33.025 --> 00:54:53.155

That's that's why we were able to exceed our budget. That's why we were able to do the program that was a good program and why we still did a supplemental even on top of that. So I'll talk about your depth and supplemental a little bit. But what I want to.

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david wortman 00:54:53.160 --> 00:55:12.920

Due for the next couple slides is show you. I've talked about in the energy affordability discussion group and other pack meetings that 1 of the things that I think is important and is now actually included and Senate bill, 25, is that we need to have an accounting of the.

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david wortman 00:55:13.825 --> 00:55:33.471

Funding that is available to agencies and then the, uh, the results of the agencies like heap and Pip year. So for 21, I've, the, this is actual data, but I've masked the the agencies because.

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david wortman 00:55:33.744 --> 00:55:53.454

Um, talking with the agencies, I want to be fair, and we, at the beginning of this year, this wasn't in conversation and wasn't planned. So the agencies in conversations with them, I feel that it's fair to present it this way this year and.

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david wortman 00:55:53.640 --> 00:56:13.752

Additionally this make it down in the weeds a bit, but the way we send out grants to the agencies, we don't always put 100% of what the agency has available. We do that with the program. You're pointing 1 grant that goes out and 21.

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david wortman 00:56:14.035 --> 00:56:33.223

We may put out 50Million dollars when the grant has 130Million available. And what that allows us to do is have some agencies spend more. We can do a modification and just put more money on it. But if an agency isn't spending their funding, then we don't have to.

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david wortman 00:56:33.960 --> 00:56:53.760

Do a modification that removes funding from them, so to cut down on the number of modifications we have to do, we have historically sent out grants that weren't 100%. So the agencies have fairly said to me that they weren't aware of exactly what they could spend.

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david wortman 00:56:54.144 --> 00:57:13.644

So for that reason, this year, I'm I'm asking and that showing what next year will be shown with agency names. So, this where these are actual, the agencies I've taken out seated, because they would stand out and it would be obvious who they were. But we had allocations anywhere from.

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david wortman 00:57:14.279 --> 00:57:34.403

1.6Million up to over 10Million, the results of our regular operations. So once again, we had 295Million allocated budgeted and the regular operations. We spent 195Million out the door, which is about 66%. You see as you.

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david wortman 00:57:34.439 --> 00:57:54.564

Here that we had maybe 4 or 5 agencies that actually spent or exceeded their allocations during regular operations, and we had agencies from small medium size to larger agencies that did not spend, did not get their funding all out the door. So that's.

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david wortman 00:57:54.624 --> 00:58:14.724

Where we were with regular operations, when we throw in the special operations with the app and the supplemental, you can see that there. We end up with a lot of agencies. Most agencies getting above their allocated limit. We end up with the 343,000,000.

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david wortman 00:58:14.759 --> 00:58:34.875

Distributed, which is 16% over what we were allocated even with that we have a handful of agencies that did not get to their allocations. So I will be sending to the agencies individually, the results of their year. So that they.

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david wortman 00:58:34.919 --> 00:58:55.074

Can see exactly what their allocation was and how we ended up at the year. So agencies will know I'm also going to be sending them and I'll show you this here. In a little bit. We're going to be sending out to all the agencies and this is a public.

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david wortman 00:58:55.134 --> 00:59:15.234

Document we're going to show what the allocations are for this year and so that all agencies know right now before the year starts, they know exactly how much is available to them. So, back to the regular.

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david wortman 00:59:15.264 --> 00:59:35.379

Operations and looking back at program year, 21 so in line, we did a 126Million of direct vendor payments, though, our normal like, we did 34Million in reconnection assistance and our furnace regular furnace activity was 3 and a half 1,000,000.

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david wortman 00:59:35.934 --> 00:59:55.534

We did a total of 2132000applicationscomparedto2019pre 2019. we did 250,000 so we did fewer applications last year than we did. Uh, in 2019. I think that's a combination of a couple of things.

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david wortman 00:59:55.559 --> 01:00:15.684

I think 1, it was more difficult to do the applications because of cobit and because they're not being able to do things face to face. So, that that was part of it. The agencies also telling me that their thought is that some of the assistance that.

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david wortman 01:00:15.719 --> 01:00:30.594

Is being provided took the place of some of the, the request for lie heap. So there were other payments that were going out in response to go with it affected that. And then there was 1 other.

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david wortman 01:00:33.085 --> 01:00:42.673

I can't remember there was 1 other reason that we thought that it might be down but anyway that 232 is where we ended up and that ends up being about 700 dollars per application.

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david wortman 01:00:46.075 --> 01:00:46.555

So.

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david wortman 01:00:49.284 --> 01:00:50.334

The results of you down.

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david wortman 01:00:54.654 --> 01:01:12.204

Before I started on this slide, I just want to when I went back and listened to the full pack meeting from 20, April 29th we were in the middle of implementing. You'd out there. The payments hadn't start going out, started, going out the door yet. And I just, it reminded me.

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david wortman 01:01:12.594 --> 01:01:32.394

Of the work that was necessary to have you adapt be possible and then ultimately successful. In a matter of 6 weeks we went from conversations with the utilities with the local agency.

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david wortman 01:01:33.144 --> 01:01:52.224

Uh, the governor's office, my director's office legal we had to draft J car rules. We had to do here in our fiscal office. We had to modify some grants to make the money available. So, there is a lot of work that went into doing this but.

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david wortman 01:01:52.559 --> 01:02:12.714

I can tell you, we're members of a national Nita, it's a national electric assistance association and so we see what other states are doing. And I think the was the largest such program in the nation.

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david wortman 01:02:13.134 --> 01:02:32.814

And we assisted more than any other program that I saw nationwide. Now there may have been some, but I didn't see any. So, when we were able to do is between the, using the state funding for the program years, 19, and 20, we were able to get nearly.

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david wortman 01:02:32.880 --> 01:02:52.998

55Million dollars out the door, keeping 57,000 accounts from being shut off and then program your 21 where we work with the local agencies to send the payments to the utilities. We had 50Million dollars sent out to.

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david wortman 01:02:53.040 --> 01:03:13.072

Also, 57,000 customers from being disconnected so, for the big 6, utilities, 105,114,000 accounts remaining turned on. The local agencies also worked with the.

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david wortman 01:03:13.199 --> 01:03:33.293

On big 6, utilities, and gotten an additional 6 Million dollars out and kept 6,600 accounts connected. So overall you depth sent nearly 112 Million dollars out to keep customers connected and we're able.

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david wortman 01:03:33.384 --> 01:03:53.184

Keep 121,000 accounts connected, so that's a pretty amazing program. And I just think listening to that, the April, 2009 meeting, it's hard to imagine that in the next 6 weeks.

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david wortman 01:03:53.520 --> 01:04:00.835

We were able to get this much out, so congratulations to the group. It took a lot of cooperation, but I think that we did a lot of good.

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david wortman 01:04:04.015 --> 01:04:22.691

So now, onto the supplemental, as you, I showed a couple slides earlier, even with all the activity that we did, we still had funding that we wanted to move out of 22 and into 21 getting ready for the program.

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david wortman 01:04:23.905 --> 01:04:43.177

The arc of money coming in 2002, so this is still going on. So these aren't final numbers. I think it's going to be at least a 1 Million dollars more 37 Million but for every application that's active we're giving.

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david wortman 01:05:00.325 --> 01:05:20.455

1 Million dollars out right now. So, you know, I know during coven, we often talk about a summer program and how we handle things. I think that this is a great use of our funding because right now when people might still be having problems, we are able to send them some funding during the summer months and.

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david wortman 01:05:20.484 --> 01:05:22.674

Bridge that gap.

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david wortman 01:05:25.614 --> 01:05:26.364

So.

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david wortman 01:05:29.034 --> 01:05:34.614

That's looking backwards. Uh, let me see, uh, if there anything in the chat.

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david wortman 01:05:36.805 --> 01:05:56.800

Okay, I don't see anything new in the chat so we'll move on to looking forward now. Oops, go back to slide. So I had talked up to program year 21 and how we did there. I changed colors here because the way I.

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david wortman 01:05:56.820 --> 01:06:16.975

I think about this and talk the budgeting when I'm budgeting, I think about sources and where the money's coming from. And then, when you actually do it, I think about uses where where it gets sent out to and so this is just looking at the, the sources. So.

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david wortman 01:06:17.095 --> 01:06:37.117

Uh, as we've said, a couple times 343 Million out and program year, 21 with the 209 from RPO and working to spend at least 80% of the state fund and once again, these are client benefits. So this is actually if this occurs and.

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david wortman 01:06:37.139 --> 01:06:57.251

If uses the amount that they normally use, we will spend more than 100 Million dollars. So we will be spending more than 100% of the fund. If we get this 86 Million out. But between the 2, we have 295 Million. So stepping down.

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david wortman 01:06:57.300 --> 01:07:17.395

From the cobit year, but still a very large year, nearly double what we had been doing Pre coded. The other thing I want to point out is I don't have here we have received and actually have grants out to the local agencies for the 20.

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david wortman 01:07:17.459 --> 01:07:37.571

To grant, so we, we will be getting a like, 22 grand, but we're pushing all of the 22 money into program year, 2003. so the goal here is to not have a cliff to, as we move away from Kovac to be.

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david wortman 01:07:37.619 --> 01:07:42.444

Stepping down our activity as we move forward into the next years.

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david wortman 01:07:44.544 --> 01:08:04.578

So, what does our budget look like? Exactly this is the number I've been shown several times 295 Million last year. Well, this year I show 0 in this, and this is 1 that Ben actually showed that there is 14 Million. I know that 14.

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david wortman 01:08:04.619 --> 01:08:24.734

Plan is a lot of money, but what I'm showing here is the allocations that we're expecting the utilities to hit and it's what we're going to grade them on next year and the 21, those numbers aren't quite final yet. So.

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david wortman 01:08:24.804 --> 01:08:44.916

Is more funding available than this 294 so there should be a number there, but there's not but I'm showing this to set the expectation for the local agency. So, this is the number that we're going to be looking at.

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david wortman 01:08:44.939 --> 01:09:05.057

So, what are we expecting in 22? We have tip grants out that would see the local agencies get 50 Million dollars out. So that's a pretty big increase. But there's a couple things I will say, as I'll talk about.

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david wortman 01:09:05.099 --> 01:09:25.104

Here and it's a little bit the funding to local agencies is going to be higher than in past years. And we already have the a couple percent more for Pip activity. So the for admin for the.

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david wortman 01:09:25.403 --> 01:09:45.294

Program so the agencies are going to get more money for Pip dollars, sent out then for light heat dollar. So that hasn't been the case in the past. But additionally with the benefit matrix that sets how much we give each.

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david wortman 01:09:45.419 --> 01:10:05.544

Household in each application that has increased so per application, the agencies are going to be receiving more funding than they have in the past. So I, I think we are getting a sufficient funding to the agencies for them to staff up and.

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david wortman 01:10:05.604 --> 01:10:25.720

Get the 50 Million dollars in funding out. So that's our goal is to 50 Million Pip, which would be nearly doubling what we did in 20, which is the goal that was laid out and the energy affordability rewrites the 2.

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david wortman 01:10:25.740 --> 01:10:39.027

45, that's our lie. He, that would be a big lie here, but as I'll show here in the next slide, we're setting up the benefit matrix to so that we believe that will be a goal that we can reach.

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david wortman 01:10:41.334 --> 01:11:01.374

So, I'm gonna jump out of the, the PowerPoint for just a 2nd I want to show. So I said I was going to be sending next week the allocations for the local agencies I just want to. And this is a document I want to make public. I think.

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david wortman 01:11:01.380 --> 01:11:21.325

I think we'll send it out in the, the packet for this meeting. I've been working on this right up until the end. So that's why, I wish that it could have gone out earlier, but everyone will get it. So this is here. And each row is an agency.

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david wortman 01:11:21.594 --> 01:11:38.454

A row 9 here is then we have their index of need, which this defines what percent of the state allocation is given to each agency. So.

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david wortman 01:11:38.665 --> 01:11:58.615

Gets 1.172% of these state wide allocation. So, as we go through the columns here, that are the funding sources. w's total is 1.172 of the statewide total. So looking here at the columns moving.

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david wortman 01:11:58.620 --> 01:12:07.915

The right, this is the RPR grant. This is the state light heap Grant and this is the PIP grant from the state fund. These numbers.

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david wortman 01:12:12.084 --> 01:12:30.294

The numbers here will show the total amount BCM W, we'll receive for the for grant. The I get my buttons are covered up, but if you look.

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david wortman 01:12:30.300 --> 01:12:50.424

Here the W would be getting 29,000 in admin for their state, like heat money. They have 422 in client benefit money. So this is the document that will be sent out.

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david wortman 01:12:50.845 --> 01:13:10.513

So that every agency knows exactly what's available to them for program year, 22 and this will set our goals for the program year. It all adds up to the 295Million in client benefits that I've been showing. So.

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david wortman 01:13:10.885 --> 01:13:24.715

That's that's what's going to be in their hands from within the next week. And that's what a year from now, we will be reviewing to see how we did on trying to reach the goal.

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kwhite 01:13:26.245 --> 01:13:29.755

David, can I just say 1 thing and.

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kwhite 01:13:30.985 --> 01:13:50.635

I think this is good that agencies are going to be made aware. Like you said, before a lot of times people didn't know that there was a pot of money sitting out there for their agency. So, I think that I think I think that's very good that you're, you're putting it out there. I would be remiss and I know we've said this to you time and time again.

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kwhite 01:13:50.994 --> 01:14:11.094

But I would be remiss if I didn't say it here at the pack, meeting the agencies, even though the matrix is higher, we still have concerns. We feel we need more than 9 months to do this. We had 11 during, and we.

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kwhite 01:14:11.099 --> 01:14:25.374

Feel that the program should go the extra month to the end of June. There was a sign on letter that we presented to. And I just feel that we would be remiss if we didn't say that we do have some concerns.

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Dalitso Sulamoyo 01:14:26.634 --> 01:14:31.254

Yeah, and David, if I, if I may add to chris's point, um, this is.

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Dalitso Sulamoyo 01:14:31.314 --> 01:14:51.414

So, um, regional planning, I think that, uh, and I had a conversation earlier with Larry in preparation for this meeting. Um, with the way things are going with cobit, particularly, um, with the delta variant and these other, these are the variance that are out there. And a lot of.

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Dalitso Sulamoyo 01:14:51.444 --> 01:15:11.560

Donated people are getting infected and so forth. We may be seeing a whole different, uh, environment that we're gonna be working in, even in comparison to program year 2021. and so having the additional, um, month or whatever, uh, that, that, um, uh, is needed.

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Dalitso Sulamoyo 01:15:11.579 --> 01:15:31.734

May be necessary, because, you know, we may be going back to, uh, how things were difficult, and particularly at the beginning of this pandemic. So I just want to throw that out there. Uh, again, you know, I know we're all sort of paying attention to what's happening with, with, with this pandemic and some of the.

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Dalitso Sulamoyo 01:15:31.740 --> 01:15:44.365

Reversals that the CDC is making, but I do have concern that, um, we could have a, our work somehow impacted as this a pandemic continues to rage on.

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david wortman 01:15:46.944 --> 01:15:51.504

Okay, anything else from the local agencies.

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david wortman 01:15:54.324 --> 01:16:01.254

So, I see there's a couple, uh, agreeing with Chris Mindy and latoya. So anyone else want to.

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Wanda 01:16:03.419 --> 01:16:23.561

This is Wanda Hopkins calling coming from South Boston. I'm on a total different level. I'm looking at a lot of additional funding where I have people who are coming in, because I'm a site who with 2 and 3000 dollar bills and I'm still not able to get them, but 200 dollars.

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Wanda 01:16:23.754 --> 01:16:36.984

For people's gas, which clearly says that those people are going to be turned off this summer I don't understand. Is there is nothing else we can do with all this money left. It's confusing me.

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david wortman 01:16:38.274 --> 01:16:43.704

Well, there's not any money left. I mean, there's money appropriated for next program year.

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david wortman 01:16:44.575 --> 01:16:50.215

Our goal is to our goal is to get the money out to people that's.

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Wanda 01:16:51.625 --> 01:17:03.865

Yeah, but my goal is also to make sure that people can still cook food when their senior citizens and and disable people who have 2000 dollar bills, and maybe shut off.

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Wanda 01:17:03.954 --> 01:17:07.284

By next month, so I think we have 2 goals.

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david wortman 01:17:09.925 --> 01:17:29.095

Well, I mean, our program starts September 1st, and we have a reconnection assistance it's got a limit and, you know, that's we have our benefit matrix and our reconnection assistants. And if they meet those, you know, we have to set statewide.

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david wortman 01:17:29.485 --> 01:17:48.355

Rules and they're if if they meet those rules either way, they're, they're, they start September 1st and they're the, the rules are in place to, to handle that the.

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david wortman 01:17:48.654 --> 01:17:51.564

The way that the agencies can so.

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Wanda 01:17:51.564 --> 01:18:08.669

Being being here for 35 years I'm well aware of that I'm saying, as I look at all the diagrams and everything that has been put before me, it looks as though there could have been some money still available for 2021. that's what I'm talking about. Are you saying that that is not true.

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david wortman 01:18:09.804 --> 01:18:15.292

We did the app, uh, 2 months ago that paid up to 5,000 dollars.

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Wanda 01:18:16.074 --> 01:18:16.494

Right.

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david wortman 01:18:17.694 --> 01:18:28.824

So, it, they were eligible then we raised the R. A. so, even if they hadn't been and weren't included in the app, they, they were.

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david wortman 01:18:28.944 --> 01:18:30.984

Well, for the orange, so.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:18:33.084 --> 01:18:47.874

Right. Hey, this is Leslie. And Wanda. I know you have brought a couple of those customers to attention and you are bringing them to speed as attention. And I will just say to the state.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:18:49.194 --> 01:19:08.724

As David said the was all done so quickly, and everybody did a great job, but we have found some people that were inadvertently left off the list and they could have been helped. So we want you to keep bringing those to speed as attention. And if it turns out that they should have.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:19:09.180 --> 01:19:19.435

You list list then we'll see if there is something we can do to possibly help them. There might be some.

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Wanda 01:19:19.435 --> 01:19:19.555

Yeah.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:19:19.645 --> 01:19:29.335

We find that for some 1 reason, or another would be coming back with the funds that the state paid and we could.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:19:29.339 --> 01:19:49.494

Possibly use those, so we do want to try to help if we can, but otherwise, if they want to serve with live last year, or in a few years before that, then, unfortunately, they will have to wait until September 1st or possibly some of the other programs. That are operated by.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:19:50.334 --> 01:19:55.394

Find the feed programs there, the other utilities, maybe they could help.

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Wanda 01:19:57.444 --> 01:19:58.584

Thank you so much.

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david wortman 01:20:01.164 --> 01:20:20.814

Okay, so back on the, uh, the concerns from the network, this is what I'll say, a couple things 1st, the, the network once a year round program and understands that and we've heard it and we know. So, the issue is, we.

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david wortman 01:20:20.820 --> 01:20:40.945

You don't have a system that can do it right now so we're working on redoing the it system but I've also told the local agencies that I am pushing my it group to be able to do.

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david wortman 01:20:41.004 --> 01:21:01.134

10 months I can't say that. That we can. I'm not going to commit to that right now. But I can commit that. That's what I'm going to try to do. So, that's that the year round program, when we have a new system, we can talk about it, but it's really we're not able to do it now on the concerns about.

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david wortman 01:21:01.224 --> 01:21:21.294

Uh, the, how much gets out the door of course, if changes in the situation changes will change, you know, this is not meant to this is designed to let everyone know how we're doing and that.

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david wortman 01:21:21.300 --> 01:21:41.212

Healthy so I understand that there's, there's some worry about that, but I'm very, very permitted to letting people know how money is being spent. We had 100 Million dollar swept.

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david wortman 01:21:41.460 --> 01:22:01.615

4 or 5 years. That's not going to happen again. We're not going to let money get swept like that again. So, the way to do that is transparency. So we know where the funding is and we know where it's getting sent out to people who need it. And I will take part.

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david wortman 01:22:01.645 --> 01:22:21.625

Of the responsibility for that, I think, that, you know, our communication on how much was available could have been better. I think we could have had the benefit matrix done, so that it was higher. So more money got out the door. You'll see in the next couple slides, I'm setting the agencies up to succeed. This is not a trap.

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david wortman 01:22:21.894 --> 01:22:41.154

We're going to succeed, but we're going to do it in such a way that it's transparent so that we don't have end up in a situation where money gets swept in the future. So that's our goal. And that's that's where we're going. Now, I will say a year from now when we're looking at this.

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david wortman 01:22:41.965 --> 01:23:02.065

This the way that we determine how much each agency should get is based on the index of need. We may find out that the index of need needs to be tweaked that there's something about the way that we're doing it. That is showing that this agency is being allocated more than really they, they.

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david wortman 01:23:02.245 --> 01:23:22.045

Should be and, I mean, some things that, that could be say that you're in a small county and you have a great big university and that makes it look like you have a lot of poor people and that's how we determine what your index and need is. But they're all students living in dorms that could affect it. So we may find out just because an agency.

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david wortman 01:23:22.259 --> 01:23:42.409

Isn't spending 100% of their allocation there may be reasons that that are justifiable. So we'll be working with that. This is not a trap. This is to make sure that we spend our funding so it doesn't get swept. So I'm going to continue on to show the.

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david wortman 01:23:42.419 --> 01:24:02.531

How we're going to work with agencies to make sure that we get the funding out. So, the benefit matrix this year, this is about 9th of the benefit matrix. This is the 0 to 50% federal poverty level for the north part of the.

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david wortman 01:24:02.604 --> 01:24:22.734

State, so you can see that the benefit matrix gets pretty complicated, but this lays out exactly how much we give per household, depending on the fuel type. The number of people, they're poverty level, and whether they're in the North or South part of the state, if you take.

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david wortman 01:24:22.764 --> 01:24:42.198

All of these, and with the new numbers that deirdra worked on this a lot. If you apply our matrix to last year's demographics we have a 50% increase in the average payment to a household. So.

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david wortman 01:24:43.014 --> 01:25:03.040

What that means is, I showed this line earlier that we had a 232,000 applications, and that came in at about 700 dollars per app. Well, in 22 with our revised benefit Matrix, we're looking at.

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david wortman 01:25:03.205 --> 01:25:23.200

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232,000 times 700 times 150% because we're 50% higher than last year. Is 247Million. So over a 1000 dollars, correct? That makes lie. He much closer to PIP. So that when we do the comparison with Pip, the light.

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david wortman 01:25:23.219 --> 01:25:43.267

Person if you go to an agency, and they aren't doing Pip, but last week they were last year you got 700 dollars instead of a 1000 this year. The person is going to get something much closer to what a benefit would be. Well, what does that do for.

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david wortman 01:25:43.494 --> 01:26:02.630

The what we're asking agencies to get out the door, 245Million is what we're trying to get out in regular life. If we do the same number of applications that we did and program year, 21 and program year, 22, we will meet this goal.

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david wortman 01:26:03.624 --> 01:26:23.386

So there in my mind, we're likely to exceed last year's application because right now we're able to do face to face, you know, who knows what's going to happen but in cobit, we were able to get 230,000. now.

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david wortman 01:26:23.754 --> 01:26:43.814

So, what happens now, if we get more than that, you know, if we, we end up exceeding. That's okay because we have a, we have some money in the state fund. We're not allocating 100% of the state fund. So we have about 30 to 40Million available in the state fund if we do more.

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david wortman 01:26:43.859 --> 01:27:03.985

Then the 295, we also have the little bit left and program year, 21 and we also have a program year, 22 that we can pull money back in. So, this is what we have set as a goal for the agencies. But it is a very achievable goal. And we believe that at the.

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david wortman 01:27:04.019 --> 01:27:22.254

End of the year that we're going to exceed this. So I've seen some things going on in the chat here. Just someone want to recap, or can someone are they're important items that I need to see if people want to come off mute and talk.

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Karen Lusson 01:27:29.364 --> 01:27:30.714

David.

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Maria Gallardo 01:27:31.674 --> 01:27:32.244

Go ahead.

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Karen Lusson 01:27:34.464 --> 01:27:54.054

Hi, David, it's Karen lesson since the, the slide he surcharge increase language was also in the budget implementation bill, which took effect in June. It was signed, um, as I understand it in June and the, that Bill says, it takes immediately takes effect immediately upon.

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Karen Lusson 01:27:54.684 --> 01:28:08.514

Signing, I'm wondering why we wouldn't count last year's successful spending of more of at 80% of the funds as sort of our 1st year.

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david wortman 01:28:09.084 --> 01:28:09.804

You see the.

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Karen Lusson 01:28:09.804 --> 01:28:11.904

Your surcharge increase.

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david wortman 01:28:12.144 --> 01:28:13.734

You see my screen.

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david wortman 01:28:15.414 --> 01:28:23.205

This is the language, the based energy assistance charge shall be 48 cents for the calendar year. Beginning January 1st, 2022.

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Karen Lusson 01:28:23.724 --> 01:28:24.144

Look.

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david wortman 01:28:24.924 --> 01:28:27.984

I didn't know that either until I started really looking at it this week.

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Karen Lusson 01:28:28.944 --> 01:28:30.684

Well, yeah, that's pretty clear then.

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david wortman 01:28:31.194 --> 01:28:31.494

Yep.

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david wortman 01:28:36.564 --> 01:28:38.784

Okay, Maria, where are you going to.

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Maria Gallardo 01:28:40.224 --> 01:28:53.814

No, I'm sorry, I was just going to mention to you, David, that, you know, the, uh, the for the additional discussion in the chat it's mostly for those, which we.

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Maria Gallardo 01:28:53.845 --> 01:29:13.975

Already abandoned it, you address it, which, uh, mainly the main concern at this time, it's more for those customers that are not ranking limited, or do not have a regulated utility and therefore they cannot have access to perhaps a utility bill payment assistance programs and.

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Maria Gallardo 01:29:13.979 --> 01:29:19.824

Funds, but, you know, we talked already about the, you know, the year round revenue.

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david wortman 01:29:21.084 --> 01:29:22.854

Okay.

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Deirdre Coughlin 01:29:22.854 --> 01:29:34.134

I did have an update from the legislative reference bureau after we started this meeting that they don't see the no sweeps language and the lack of any language addressing that.

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Deirdre Coughlin 01:29:34.164 --> 01:29:47.244

The conflict, so they have internally, they will go through both bills and she said it might take until November, December after veto session, and they will reconcile any differences and they will produce a final version.

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david wortman 01:29:48.204 --> 01:29:49.674

Okay, great Thank you.

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david wortman 01:29:52.674 --> 01:30:11.934

So that's good. So, all of this, you know, the thing I will say, we had to think on our feet and cooperate to get this done in program year, 21 we have our goal laid out in 22. we will.

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david wortman 01:30:11.964 --> 01:30:32.064

Continue to cooperate with the local agencies and with the utilities, and, you know, this program. It's, it's complicated, but it takes cooperation to pull it off. And this is, uh, I just believe I know the agencies are a little.

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david wortman 01:30:32.124 --> 01:30:52.220

Nervous about this, but I think in a couple of years this will make it where it when people get used to it and we see how it works. It will make it so that we don't get sweeps because that's the 100Million that we lost over 5 years. That's just and I think everyone would agree with that. That's.

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david wortman 01:30:52.259 --> 01:30:59.544

Vegetable, and this is the way that I believe is the way to make certain that doesn't happen again.

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david wortman 01:31:02.395 --> 01:31:21.775

So, the last item that I have is to talk about income limits and how we set the income limits, because this is it's a little confusing. I have to say, but we put some thought into it. And it, it looks a little weird. But, let me explain. So, the.

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david wortman 01:31:21.779 --> 01:31:41.267

Language for the maximum income for lie and lightweight. So the wire assistance has the same language is that it's the greater of 60% state meeting income or 150%, federal poverty level. So you can you can set your limit.

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david wortman 01:31:41.995 --> 01:32:01.915

Maximum of those so if you wanted to do the absolute maximum and say it is the maximum of these, you would start up the 60% state meeting income until you got to a household of 6. well, you would continue on the state median income. So you get here to a household 11 and then you would.

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david wortman 01:32:02.099 --> 01:32:18.647

Follow the 150%, that's because the way they define 60% statement or that, the state meeting income has a tick in the line here where it changes the slope. So, this is the maximum that we could do.

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david wortman 01:32:21.504 --> 01:32:39.624

Uh, oh, I, I forgot it. I was pointing to the, my screen instead of yours so this is the 60% state, median income, and then it crosses here at between 10 and 11. so, 11 member households, you would follow that. So that is the lie. He.

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david wortman 01:32:40.979 --> 01:33:01.095

And now they follow 200% so 200%, federal poverty level. That's that blue line right here. So we want to make it where it's the most uniform across our programs to keep it simple for the local agencies and for clients.

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david wortman 01:33:01.139 --> 01:33:21.259

So that things can be categorical. So if you qualify for 1, you qualify for another. So, what we've done for this year is we start off at 200% federal poverty level from households from 1 to 6.

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david wortman 01:33:21.925 --> 01:33:40.825

That's under the 60% state meeting income so it's allowable for lie heat but this is the maximum we can go for. And so you follow the 200% up until it crosses the 60% state median income and then we follow state median income until.

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david wortman 01:33:41.459 --> 01:34:01.579

We hit the 150% federal poverty level so it's a weird looking line. But the thing I'll tell you is that our household from 0 to 6 members are 98.9% of our households. So, 99% of our households.

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david wortman 01:34:01.645 --> 01:34:21.769

Our 200%, federal poverty level, and then for we're going to continue up here. So the local agencies will need to know if you're at a very large house that the might be allowed when life isn't. But.

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david wortman 01:34:21.804 --> 01:34:41.934

For, like, it's 200% up to a household of 6 household of 7 to 10 is 60% state meeting income and then 11 and above is 150%. We've sent out a table. So at the agency level, you're really just looking at a table that says how much is.

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david wortman 01:34:41.940 --> 01:35:02.095

Available, so, this is why, and this is the logic is to make it as uniform as possible across the different programs, but to provide as many make it available to as many of the residents as possible. So, those are the limits. And that's what.

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david wortman 01:35:02.099 --> 01:35:02.634

We did.

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david wortman 01:35:05.454 --> 01:35:07.224

So, any questions on that.

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david wortman 01:35:10.855 --> 01:35:29.455

So, uh, there is a question and then a chat from Karen can you remind us how long again before t he new system? Well, the, it system for life, he has not been started. The is going. 1st, our goal is to have the.

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david wortman 01:35:29.484 --> 01:35:49.614

On a platform, the, the same platform so we want to build on the we're in we're in build mode right now for we're having conversations with that same company to see if we can do a work scope and see if.

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david wortman 01:35:49.645 --> 01:36:04.705

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We can do the build concurrently going to be done 1st, but we're, we're starting the conversations now to try to get started on heap as soon as we can.

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david wortman 01:36:09.175 --> 01:36:27.039

So, uh, I had a question. Fip are a lie he'd been rolling enrollment begins in September. When will it end? I believe that that's been stated publicly, but if it hasn't may 31st is what we're looking at.

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david wortman 01:36:27.115 --> 01:36:29.545

As the, um, the final day.

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david wortman 01:36:31.944 --> 01:36:34.674

Has that been stated publicly, Maria or.

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Maria Gallardo 01:36:35.484 --> 01:36:50.364

Uh, yes, online we also receive a question on the enrollment and we address that in the chat, which the end of the enrollment will be March 31st of 2020.

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david wortman 01:36:54.175 --> 01:37:01.315

Okay, so that was a, uh, a lot.

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Karen Lusson 01:37:02.695 --> 01:37:12.025

David David scaring again. Can you go back to that last slide and just state state again if.

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Karen Lusson 01:37:12.085 --> 01:37:24.805

If you're a light heap customer, this is the income threshold. If you're a Pip customer, this is the income threshold at this many in a household just just to clarify again because I.

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david wortman 01:37:25.495 --> 01:37:26.005

So.

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Karen Lusson 01:37:26.005 --> 01:37:27.415

Little lost on this.

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david wortman 01:37:27.775 --> 01:37:32.215

For and tip this, I don't know whether how it shows.

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david wortman 01:37:32.220 --> 01:37:50.544

Goes out, but it's a black dash line. It follows the 200% federal poverty level, or households up to 6. so for 99% of our clients, the PIP lie. Heap income limit is 200% federal poverty level.

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david wortman 01:37:52.404 --> 01:38:12.504

Holds greater than 6. we would like to keep it at 200%, but the federal regs don't allow us. The maximum we can go is 60% state meeting income or 150%, federal poverty level. So we go 200% up to 6 member households for 7 to 10.

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david wortman 01:38:12.984 --> 01:38:32.679

We're on the 60% state meeting income line and then for households, greater than 10 we're on the 150% federal poverty level. So essentially, we're near the maximum allowable by. We could we could for households 1.

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david wortman 01:38:32.814 --> 01:38:52.854

6 be at 60% state meeting income, but if we did that, then it could not be categorical for our other programs. And we would have to have 1 table for life and tip and a separate 1 for weather. And so we're very close to the maximum that the.

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david wortman 01:38:52.859 --> 01:39:09.619

Regs allow for lie heap and and and water in the water program, but for 99% of our programs are for our clients. The limit is 200% federal poverty level.

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david wortman 01:39:14.485 --> 01:39:32.095

Good question, Aaron, ask about, uh, the income chart online how what we do that and we'll have to we'll have to look at that. This is this goes up the same amount per for additional.

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david wortman 01:39:32.124 --> 01:39:48.354

Member, so we may have the chart up to a 10 member household and then say 3 additional member, it would be a certain amount, but yeah, we'll, we'll add something so that people can know any other questions.

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david wortman 01:39:53.454 --> 01:39:56.724

Okay, I feel like I've been talking for about an hour straight now.

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Nichole Owens 01:39:58.104 --> 01:40:07.413

Certainly may feel that way. I haven't times you, but I think you're very close to it. Could you go back a couple of slides? I think it's like, 24.

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david wortman 01:40:07.974 --> 01:40:08.544

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Okay.

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Nichole Owens 01:40:11.755 --> 01:40:23.797

When we're discussing the maximum, or at least 80% of the funds have to be allocated or spent is that the 80% of the 86Million for.

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david wortman 01:40:23.875 --> 01:40:24.205

Yeah.

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Nichole Owens 01:40:24.265 --> 01:40:24.895

That we would have to.

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david wortman 01:40:24.895 --> 01:40:30.385

No, no, so the way that the way that I interpret it is a.

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david wortman 01:40:31.044 --> 01:40:50.844

Back here the way I'm suggesting, and I don't know who if anyone on this call knows the answer to this tell me, who decides, how does this work uh, do I tell the, and the tells the the utilities or I don't know how that works, but the way that I think the.

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david wortman 01:40:51.235 --> 01:41:11.069

Should be determined is the, the Controller's website at the end of the fiscal year you go and you do a report for fund 550 fiscal year. 21. what were your revenues this year? They were 98.7Million. What were your expenditures? They were 105.

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david wortman 01:41:11.124 --> 01:41:31.252

9Million if that number is greater, so 98.7 divided by 105. it will actually, it's the other way around 105.9 divided by 98.7 is 107%. So the 80 was it exceeded so, the next January.

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david wortman 01:41:31.259 --> 01:41:35.394

1st, the meter charge would be increased by 16 cents.

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Nichole Owens 01:41:38.604 --> 01:41:57.894

That makes sense, I guess we're trying to set targets to your point. So there's transparency with agency. So they'll know how much collectively has to be spent in order to maximize the allocation. How are you clear on.

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Nichole Owens 01:41:57.900 --> 01:42:04.212

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What the 80% should be applied to because I get what you're saying like, after the fact we can do the math, but before.

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david wortman 01:42:04.825 --> 01:42:05.365

Well.

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Nichole Owens 01:42:05.455 --> 01:42:06.085

To start to.

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david wortman 01:42:06.085 --> 01:42:12.415

Yeah, with I mean, that's what really that's what this, um.

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david wortman 01:42:15.414 --> 01:42:34.284

They this amount here really it would be their state column, but this is for heap and pick the, the expenditures out of that state fund are also and also state administration. So.

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david wortman 01:42:34.735 --> 01:42:52.495

But for the agencies to do their part and spend 80% of their part, it would be their, the state dollars. So it would be that the column state total and PIP. Ca.

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david wortman 01:42:55.794 --> 01:43:03.894

So, that's that's, uh, the goal is out there for them. That's I, I feel like.

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david wortman 01:43:06.265 --> 01:43:25.537

You know, this slide here and this and this, and then that the spreadsheet that they're going to be receiving, that's that's gonna lay out. Exactly. If we meet that goal, then we will have exceeded 80% of the state fund revenues.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:43:27.804 --> 01:43:34.602

Hey, David, could you please say those slide numbers that you're saying this and this plus the spreadsheet so is it 21.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:43:37.075 --> 01:43:39.619

Number 21, and what was the other 1.

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david wortman 01:43:40.195 --> 01:43:56.667

Well, I mean, 20 has the, the budget 21 is the, the graph and then this spreadsheet and, I mean, it's a really large spreadsheet and 11 by 17.

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david wortman 01:43:57.205 --> 01:44:17.215

But this spritz oh, I mean, the agency, so, this is their RPR grant the RPR grant that's money out the door, but that's not the state fund. The state fund is the state heap and the PIP. So to get.

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david wortman 01:44:17.219 --> 01:44:33.711

The, uh, 80%, you know, if we, if we get 36 Million out in state and 40 49.3 Million out in tip, we will have exceeded 80% of the state revenues that year.

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david wortman 01:44:39.055 --> 01:44:39.835

Is that clear.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:44:43.675 --> 01:44:44.635

Yeah, that's great.

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Larry Dawson 01:44:46.015 --> 01:45:01.825

Yeah, David, this is Larry. So, in theory, then if every agency is able to and fully 80% of their slightly and tip allocations, then we will have met the.

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Larry Dawson 01:45:02.454 --> 01:45:11.574

A requirement, or is there any additional state hold back? That would kind of throw that off kilter.

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david wortman 01:45:12.324 --> 01:45:21.774

Well, I mean, the way that I'm describing it and this is if they're any lawyers on the call correct me but.

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david wortman 01:45:22.405 --> 01:45:42.535

The way that I'm thinking about it by using controller site, revenues and expenditures these expenditures include the local agencies admin program, support, client, benefit state and.

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david wortman 01:45:42.564 --> 01:46:02.664

So, there's a lot of things that go into this. I can tell you that the lie heap and Pip are, I don't know, this year they were probably 90, 90, 95% of the expenditures, I think, had 3 and a half 1,000,000.

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david wortman 01:46:02.699 --> 01:46:22.854

If I remember ben's report and I don't know for sure what state, but generally it, I think in in, like, I don't I'm not a CPA. I don't get down to pennies. If you're talking dollars. If we spend the lie heap and Pip that I.

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david wortman 01:46:22.859 --> 01:46:29.663

So, on that spreadsheet, we will exceed 80% of the revenues for the the year.

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Larry Dawson 01:46:35.064 --> 01:46:35.574

Thank you.

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david wortman 01:46:39.655 --> 01:46:57.775

Uh, Cathy walk asked, we don't or that's not a question. That's a statement. We don't always have access to spend state funds in dot net. That's true. This would come down to again. We need to get the federal dollars out the door more important.

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david wortman 01:46:57.804 --> 01:47:17.604

This year than ever, because the money will go away. So a sweep is bad. Not spending your federal dollars is worse because, as we, you might be able to I guess not a sweep sweep is bad. Period leaving state money in the fund is bad.

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david wortman 01:47:17.940 --> 01:47:38.065

It can be swept, but it might not be, you might be able to use it the next year. If we send our money back, it's gone. So we do push agencies to spend their federal dollars. 1st, but we do that. So, we don't spend send federal dollars back because they're gone immediately. Then. Do you have anything to add to that? Did I say.

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Ben Moore 01:47:38.099 --> 01:47:58.254

correctly now you are spot on yeah i mean that's the you know obviously it's a dilemma we we want all the money to get spent but as far as you know evils the to us the worst evil is sending it back to the fed because then doesn't help illinois obviously we want to spend the state heap and weather money on those

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Ben Moore 01:47:58.259 --> 01:48:18.384

Programs, but it's, you know, it's the least of the evils, but regardless the objective is to spend it all, but you make a good point, you can always spend it if it's available. But our intention is to continue the process of the approach of having the, the federal.

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Ben Moore 01:48:18.419 --> 01:48:19.284

What is that? 1st.

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david wortman 01:48:21.325 --> 01:48:41.419

And Alyssa says technically where the States swept or borrowed, uh, they were technically borrowed in my experience and looking back at the controller's website since 2015. I don't believe there's been a repayment. I heard rumors of a repayment, but if there has been a repayment, I don't.

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david wortman 01:48:41.459 --> 01:48:45.144

It on the website to have you ever.

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Ben Moore 01:48:45.354 --> 01:48:58.404

And then, and I don't remember, I don't remember seeing everything to my recollection. They've always either been swept outright or borrowed. And then the borrowing was subsequently forget legislative.

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david wortman 01:48:58.674 --> 01:49:01.584

Right but you're right. I mean, I read.

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david wortman 01:49:01.620 --> 01:49:21.720

The, uh, I don't even remember what it was that allowed them to sweep it, but it does say borrowed and it's like, 48 months to pay back or something like that. But, like Ben said, when it comes time to pay back, they must do something else. And my, my experience, I don't know the rules.

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david wortman 01:49:21.779 --> 01:49:41.875

Just know looking back at historic, the 100Million has been swept since 2015 there have been sweeps and there's never been a repayment since 2015. if there is 1 in the future. If there's a way that advocates can put pressure and get some back. I think that would be great for it, but I just have.

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david wortman 01:49:41.965 --> 01:49:43.285

Not knowing that to be the case.

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Ben Moore 01:49:44.215 --> 01:49:58.315

Actually, David, I'll take that back. This has been in there was 1 scenario where they swept it and it was almost overnight. I don't even know people noticed it and there was enough pressure put on, but this was years ago that it was returned the next day. It was about 39 dollars, but that was.

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david wortman 01:49:59.245 --> 01:50:01.975

In the same period.

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david wortman 01:50:02.304 --> 01:50:02.784

Okay.

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Ben Moore 01:50:02.844 --> 01:50:10.632

Yes, yes, but that was that was probably 2008 or 9 or so I mean, it was a long time ago and.

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david wortman 01:50:11.484 --> 01:50:11.844

Okay.

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Ben Moore 01:50:11.844 --> 01:50:19.044

The, the approaches of sweeping or barring, and not returning, it's kind of become regular now. So.

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david wortman 01:50:19.044 --> 01:50:22.254

All right, I will say, you know, we spent more.

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david wortman 01:50:22.259 --> 01:50:42.371

This year than we took in, I really think we're on track because of the increase to the benefit matrix. If we get 250,000 customers this year. Instead of 230. I think we'll spend more in the state fund next program year 2002. then we bring in.

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david wortman 01:50:42.594 --> 01:51:02.574

So, there is an argument that we're spending the funding, and therefore it should be paid back. I don't know. I mean, I, I, in my position here, I think of myself as an administrator, not an advocate, so I can talk to.

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david wortman 01:51:02.580 --> 01:51:10.615

And about that, but I, I tried to administer well, I try not to advocate too much.

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david wortman 01:51:12.804 --> 01:51:28.494

But I will say the, the design of the program is to spend all the funding, and I think that we will this year and that should be an argument to get some repaid. Okay. Anything else before we go back to the agenda.

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david wortman 01:51:35.934 --> 01:51:48.234

Uh, let's see, uh, Karen ask about marking, uh, there's still a, the is still being graded, but yes, there is going to be some sort of marketing this year from, from.

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david wortman 01:51:51.504 --> 01:51:59.844

Uh, so, state plan, um, Maria, is that the next set the next item.

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Maria Gallardo 01:52:01.284 --> 01:52:02.124

Daddy.

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Maria Gallardo 01:52:02.575 --> 01:52:07.795

Item and actually Leslie and will kick it off and then I'll take it over from that point.

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david wortman 01:52:08.035 --> 01:52:08.575

Okay.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:52:10.620 --> 01:52:30.235

Hey, everybody, let's plan here, thank you for that. Interesting information, David. That's really great. And we appreciate it. So, the final date plan is due to by September 1st and this is the time of year when we.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:52:30.779 --> 01:52:50.903

Over the draft date plan in this past meeting 1st I want to say that a virtual public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday. 3rd, it's from 10 0 am to 1130 am and we did posted the draft.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:52:50.965 --> 01:53:02.935

To the plan on our website, and also we sent the draft to the pack and to all the Las and the network last week on July 20.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:53:05.394 --> 01:53:25.115

Because we should have a copy of the draft plan, and an overview of the changes that we made to looking forward to our program year 24,022 and we will go over the changes and respond to all.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 01:53:25.139 --> 01:53:29.874

Answer questions and comments as needed, so please.

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Maria Gallardo 01:53:31.494 --> 01:53:45.264

Thank you Leslie and good afternoon. Everyone. So, Leslie and made sure we send out the draft of the state plan and also an overview of changes to the state plan. So.

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Maria Gallardo 01:53:45.805 --> 01:54:05.425

Plan today each to go over those after post changes, and then ask the pack members and and, uh, interested parties, whether you have any comments or questions. So, with that.

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Maria Gallardo 01:54:05.664 --> 01:54:17.874

Will make a reference to the overview of changes so we're safe lane as, you know, already we need to comply with us 16 assurances to a test.

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Maria Gallardo 01:54:18.175 --> 01:54:38.005

So, the 1st section, it's what we call the program components. So, in that section, we're changing the start and end date of the heating assistance, which is basically our dB and the crisis assistance components, which is our reconnection assistance.

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Maria Gallardo 01:54:38.219 --> 01:54:47.211

Is to be from September 1st of 2021. so, and the program will be.

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Maria Gallardo 01:54:47.219 --> 01:54:54.138

Get me started on until May 31st of 2020 to in addition.

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Maria Gallardo 01:54:54.444 --> 01:55:14.525

Uh, we are proposing and know you're already groups will be established on under the 2022 life statement in order to assist all household. But also those households that have no income or have things for also.

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Maria Gallardo 01:55:14.604 --> 01:55:34.584

That section beginning, September 1st of 2021, the department will consider household categorical eligible if 1 household member receives a snap 10 of cash and benefits in the previous month from.

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Maria Gallardo 01:55:34.739 --> 01:55:54.894

The date of the application we are as, you know, this is something completely new that we're gonna be doing this year. So we're super excited with this opportunity. We definitely know that as any new.

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Maria Gallardo 01:55:54.954 --> 01:56:15.024

There's always there's a box in the roads we'll figure out those as we go through and I'm sure that there will be a lot of, you know, learning opportunities as well but that that's the plan in terms of section 1. so, are there any comments.

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Maria Gallardo 01:56:15.084 --> 01:56:17.064

Questions on section 1.

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Maria Gallardo 01:56:23.575 --> 01:56:23.815

And.

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Kim Bond 01:56:24.145 --> 01:56:32.455

I'm sorry, can I ask a question? I didn't get a copy of that. I didn't get a copy of the draft. So you said it's on your website as well or.

428

Maria Gallardo 01:56:35.005 --> 01:56:54.607

Apologies we send it out on Tuesday, in preparation for and I'm sorry last last week on July 20th is when it was sent, but also the draft of the estate plan, it's both city now we're so you can go there and you will see a link directly to the.

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Maria Gallardo 01:56:54.659 --> 01:57:01.988

Off of 2022, like, he's stable as well, but we will be more than happy to forward it to you as well.

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Kim Bond 01:57:04.224 --> 01:57:04.614

For you.

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Maria Gallardo 01:57:05.034 --> 01:57:08.604

Okay, any other comment or question of section 1.

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Maria Gallardo 01:57:12.745 --> 01:57:30.595

Uh, moving on to section 2, if our heating assistance component, which is our TV. So, here in response to the increase of need of assistance programs, and the availability of phones.

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Maria Gallardo 01:57:31.434 --> 01:57:51.155

David already talk about these earlier than the Barbies is showing the income guidelines at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines and 60% stayed median income. Also again, the priority periods have been removed. So.

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Maria Gallardo 01:57:51.444 --> 01:58:11.244

And Pete will be open September 1st for all eligible applicants again on this section. Also, we are documenting the beginning September 1st we are offering a category called eligibility to customers that receive us.

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Maria Gallardo 01:58:11.604 --> 01:58:13.494

10 of cash and.

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Maria Gallardo 01:58:14.580 --> 01:58:34.735

Previous month from the date of the application, and then finally the section, we are updating significantly the benefit levels. David may touch on. These are hearing his slides. I want to mention or bring to.

437

Maria Gallardo 01:58:34.764 --> 01:58:54.882

Groups attention that on page 9 question 2.6 it talks about how many how much is that word minimum he benefit and how much is our maximum benefit so just to bring your attention that we're talking about minimum benefit to be 170.

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Maria Gallardo 01:58:54.954 --> 01:59:12.202

5 dollars, and the maximum benefit will be 2000 dollars 20 dollars and this includes both primary and secondary benefits. So, with that any questions or comments on section 2.

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Maria Gallardo 01:59:17.874 --> 01:59:18.354

Okay.

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Maria Gallardo 01:59:20.664 --> 01:59:40.614

Let me see, let me take off boss. Here. I see some questions on the chat. The 1st question is what are the categorical eligible? So we are still Barb and every month we're still.

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Maria Gallardo 01:59:40.764 --> 02:00:00.714

Working on the specific stuff these next week, we're going to be training, but local agencies, but we are going to train the agencies that when these customers that received a snap, they will be bringing.

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Maria Gallardo 02:00:00.804 --> 02:00:20.934

They call it their annuity self decision from DHS so that later it's a very Lansing ladder like, maybe 15 pages long we're going to be focusing on the household income. How many members are leaving in the household? So basically, you know, those.

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Maria Gallardo 02:00:21.325 --> 02:00:41.005

Customers will still need to go through the application and intake process where they need to also show profile 30 until they feel and other program requirements. But we are basically opening that door to those.

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Maria Gallardo 02:00:41.099 --> 02:00:48.624

Customers at this program a year I see here also some.

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Maria Gallardo 02:00:51.955 --> 02:01:10.975

Asking latonya, can you briefly state how pedagogical approval will work if the household receive 10 of these eligible automatic? I think we talk a little bit about that. It's not necessarily going to be automatically. We're going to go over through some example letters that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:01:10.979 --> 02:01:31.044

Customers will be breaking into the intake process and, and we'll train the local agencies, as I said, definitely the feel process for everyone. So we're sure that we're gonna be receiving a lot of Neil when says into the process but customers.

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Maria Gallardo 02:01:31.140 --> 02:01:50.964

Will need to apply for guy he through their local agency, will the maximum our rate remain at 1000 dollar so we're going to be covering actually that on the next section. So, Aaron, if you can please hold tied into that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:01:51.325 --> 02:01:56.245

See that so any other comments or questions on section.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:01:58.645 --> 02:02:03.115

So, hey, Leslie, and I'll keep an eye on the chat so you don't have to do that. I'm sorry.

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Maria Gallardo 02:02:03.655 --> 02:02:18.655

Okay, okay Thank you. Appreciate it or right? So, let's jump into section 4, which is our crisis assistance. These component covers reconnection assistance and also furnace assistance.

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Maria Gallardo 02:02:18.659 --> 02:02:38.799

Program so here we are also documenting that the income guidelines are set at 200% of the federal poverty guidelines and the 60%, they need any income. They went over to that slide.

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Maria Gallardo 02:02:39.565 --> 02:02:58.731

Um, also on the section, we are both seen that reconnection assistance will continue to be provided to eligible household. Regardless of the restoration of energy service. Also reconnection assistance will be increased to 1200 dollars per.

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Maria Gallardo 02:02:59.004 --> 02:03:17.874

Per year is set up a 1000 dollars per year so hopefully that will be in addition to the increase in GDP that we are making significantly this year increasing the maximum amount. Hopefully will further assist house. We'll need.

454

Maria Gallardo 02:03:19.140 --> 02:03:34.825

The good faith effort as well as a customer payment responsibility requirement requirements will continue to be over reading over writing. So, in other words, we are not going to be having a requirement of.

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Maria Gallardo 02:03:35.964 --> 02:03:55.244

The end date of the furnace assistance will be March 31st of 2022 the priority and eligibility to disable that gun. Young children. Households has been removed as we discussing the heating assistance component as well.

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Maria Gallardo 02:03:55.615 --> 02:04:15.265

Uh, also we talk about the again on this section, we're documenting that those customers that are having access to crisis assistance. We'll also follow those guidelines also and this is.

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Maria Gallardo 02:04:15.954 --> 02:04:35.790

New this year beginning, September 1st of 2021, the department will administer a new pilot program under the furnace assistance program. The pilot is called the furnace voucher pilot program. You can see more explanation.

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Maria Gallardo 02:04:35.875 --> 02:04:53.942

On a pilot program in question 4.2 we'd like to report to the pack that, uh, 80 s and 80 s optional recognizing things. So, those agencies that cheerless to minister a.

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Maria Gallardo 02:04:56.874 --> 02:05:16.134

Furnace pilot voucher program will need to submit a plan to and we will have to Pre, approve their plan before they start implementing these September. 1st. So currently the agencies that are administering these.

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Maria Gallardo 02:05:16.165 --> 02:05:36.235

Pilot program, East Central will county body the champagne County, Rockford, fita and Western Western addiction. So we will keep. We'll keep everyone updated on phase 1.

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Maria Gallardo 02:05:36.300 --> 02:05:56.455

But on a very high level summary, these new furnace title of our voucher title program, basically, it's empowering. Now, the customer meaning that they will still apply for furnace assistance at their local agency. And then they're.

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Maria Gallardo 02:05:56.634 --> 02:06:16.494

Agency once they determine their eligibility for life furnace assistance will provide a list of H, back contractors in their area. It's just going to be a least of suggested contractors, but still the customer could.

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Maria Gallardo 02:06:16.644 --> 02:06:36.774

For all other contractors in the areas, and once the customer, it's made aware that their repair replacement must be made by the establish contractor then the doc, the customer will be receiving a documents to tell them.

464

Maria Gallardo 02:06:37.254 --> 02:06:56.184

How much the voucher amount it's gonna be, and part of the work that needs to be done in their household event the local agency will be working with that selected age back contractor and pay.

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Maria Gallardo 02:06:56.940 --> 02:07:17.095

In some cases, customers could also have a customer payment responsibility. So, let me make a boss here. Also. I like to bring to your attention in these affection that currently.

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Maria Gallardo 02:07:17.154 --> 02:07:37.244

We are proposing in terms of going back to reconnection assistance, we are proposing to leave the immediate disconnection definition as it currently ease, which is based on the 300 dollar outstanding balance. Instead of the 7 days prior to.

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Maria Gallardo 02:07:37.259 --> 02:07:57.409

Section, our understanding is that some utilities are still sending this connection notices at the 300 dollar threshold. However, later in here that might change. So we also.

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Maria Gallardo 02:07:57.684 --> 02:08:17.574

Uh, we are realizing that the, with the matrix increase, the, the TV may satisfy that reconnection assistance or preventing that email thread disconnection. However.

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Maria Gallardo 02:08:18.115 --> 02:08:37.714

We feel that at this time, we need to continue that discussion with local agencies as well as utilities and vendors in the area to better determine whether it makes sense to leave that 300 dollar outstanding balance or change that dollar amount or go back.

470

Maria Gallardo 02:08:37.739 --> 02:08:57.894

To our 7 day prior to this connection 11 last point here also, in the in the topic of reconnection assistance is also that the plan currently has some wording that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:09:16.800 --> 02:09:35.365

Likes that so that we are keeping the maximum reconnection assistance that customers may be eligible for. So this time, let me make up costs now and and see if there are any questions concerning the crisis assistance, or any comments.

472

Leslie Ann Lesko 02:09:37.284 --> 02:09:57.054

Maria, it's Leslie and Karen lessen has the question does nap and Tina look at household size. If so, why do customers need to repeat household info for lie? Well, yes, nap and Tana. If you look at household size, but they.

473

Leslie Ann Lesko 02:09:57.294 --> 02:10:16.974

Can have different, like, is the whole household it's everybody that's in that place, using the electric and or the gas, whereas there could be a family 2 adult sisters that both lived together. They both are on their own snap.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:10:17.424 --> 02:10:37.314

Because they purchase and prepare food separately. So, as we're still developing a training for this and that goes to the next question from man. Well, how will he benefit amount be determined for categorically eligible.

475

Leslie Ann Lesko 02:10:37.439 --> 02:10:57.567

We'll proof of income still being needed are all categorically eligible household members yes, because our GDP matrix split into 4 based on 0 to 200% of federal poverty. So the approval.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:10:57.599 --> 02:11:17.689

That Maria mentioned, it's called a 360 C. actually it's a notice of decision those letters for snap. They always have a, the benefit determination. It's like, it's a, it's a chart that shows and it has.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:11:17.759 --> 02:11:37.668

Their income on there, so Maria, and I were just on a phone call this morning for 45 minutes with several policy makers from DHS and so we're still developing that policy. I hope that answers your question. That was awful. Maria.

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Maria Gallardo 02:11:38.304 --> 02:11:41.544

Yes, thank you. Ask me and for addressing those 2 questions.

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Maria Gallardo 02:11:44.815 --> 02:12:03.805

So hearing no other questions on the crisis assistance component, let's move on to the section 5, which is weather station assistance and the, the 2 changes on the section for.

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Maria Gallardo 02:12:03.865 --> 02:12:09.145

Changes 1 is the maximum weather station.

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Maria Gallardo 02:12:09.240 --> 02:12:29.040

Benefit expenditure per household now we are proposing to increase it to 11,000 dollars. Instead of the 9,715, which was our leads previously. And then also we are adding a cooling system replacement as well as.

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Maria Gallardo 02:12:29.399 --> 02:12:41.574

Prepare measures on their other, like, weather stations measures that we can provide. So any comments or questions on these sections.

483

Maria Gallardo 02:12:47.065 --> 02:13:02.935

Okay, uh, hearing non sales so that we don't have anything in the chat. Now, the next section in section 6, which it talks about our assurance for doing outreach. So, Neil, these here.

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Maria Gallardo 02:13:04.645 --> 02:13:23.605

We're adding to the return activities that the department will include and means I liked insert in the snap 10 of cash and a B. D, cash approval. Then the letter that Leslie and mentioned earlier, which it's called decision of.

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Maria Gallardo 02:13:24.234 --> 02:13:44.202

Decision or 360. C. so we are going to be including a 1 page likely insert on those letters that we'll start going out in the month of August. So we're going to tell customers receiving those letters. Okay, if you already need of energy assistance, please reach out to.

486

Maria Gallardo 02:13:44.279 --> 02:14:04.134

Your contact your local agency and initiate a life application with them at that time the 3rd meeting, including a yellow page. So we will hopefully send out a little bit more with the customer.

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Maria Gallardo 02:14:04.439 --> 02:14:24.407

I said the plan is to start going out with the ladders going out in the month of August and those letters are going to be printed by DHS included. Our shirt on Tuesday sent Friday. So it's not that old potentially 450,000 letters that are.

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Maria Gallardo 02:14:24.599 --> 02:14:44.274

And out in that month are going to be coming all at once it's just going to be a group Tuesdays, another group on Fridays, etc. So we're excited also with that opportunity. And we appreciate also our colleagues at DHS for.

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Maria Gallardo 02:14:44.759 --> 02:15:04.914

Working so hard with us to include that and start spreading the word about the availability. Also I think we talk also about these in the last steering avid Shelly brought that up. So we are adding on there other categories.

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Maria Gallardo 02:15:04.944 --> 02:15:24.864

That is to continue utilizing the net report that it's called on a returning customer. So data, we can continue reaching out to those customers that have not applied for heap yet and they encourage them to apply for the program. So.

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Maria Gallardo 02:15:25.134 --> 02:15:45.174

Are the main 2 other categories 1 last mentioned here in the in this section you said last year as you may remember the department supported our office a lot last year and we did a lot of.

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Maria Gallardo 02:15:45.535 --> 02:16:05.395

Several social media posts in both Facebook and Twitter. We also have the opportunity to do a Facebook live event with our colleagues. Com. So our intend to continue working with the departments marketing team and continue.

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Maria Gallardo 02:16:06.204 --> 02:16:07.194

Spreading the word.

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Maria Gallardo 02:16:09.744 --> 02:16:14.964

Availability, so any question on this section.

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Maria Gallardo 02:16:17.280 --> 02:16:37.375

I see. Okay, I see that lifespan, etc. I seen the question from Cathy. So do you mean Kathy that you would like to see the copy of that insert that it's going to go out? Okay I see that. You're saying yes so.

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Maria Gallardo 02:16:37.439 --> 02:16:57.594

Make sure to share that likely things started with local agencies and any anyone else on this group that would like to see that 1 page. We will be more than happy to show to. You. Guys I see Cameron made a.

497

Maria Gallardo 02:16:57.598 --> 02:17:17.723

And utilities continue to urge people to enter into DB, which means those folks will receive disconnection notices. I hope the rules keep that in mind when they are establishing how someone can obtain the larger reconnection assistance grant.

498

Maria Gallardo 02:17:18.143 --> 02:17:37.824

Um, in other words, customers shouldn't need to show up with a disconnection thread letter to obtain the right grants. And then I think you're saying, I think I heard that that the amountable triggered and already grant. Yes. So, as long as the.

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Maria Gallardo 02:17:38.964 --> 02:17:57.924

Utility will trigger that email thread via if the is not enough to reconnect that customer, then we will be tapping into the reconnection assistance. So, my understanding.

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Maria Gallardo 02:17:58.134 --> 02:18:11.574

That, uh, I think 1 of the, I think utilities 1st, the majority of them will be continue pushing that immediate threat. You know, he's.

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Maria Gallardo 02:18:18.084 --> 02:18:23.933

Any other questions on the outreach section.

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Karen Lusson 02:18:26.723 --> 02:18:39.114

Can the utilities on the call confirm that that the imminent notice to my, to the point that I'm eating that that question and maria's response.

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Karen Lusson 02:18:41.279 --> 02:18:49.404

This 1, I just want to make sure that the utilities are following that that same viewpoint.

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Kim Bond 02:18:50.994 --> 02:19:01.433

Karen, this is Kim with Aaron and yes, we were doing that before. And if we're able to continue to do that and the next program year and communicate imminent danger when the.

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Kim Bond 02:19:01.439 --> 02:19:05.064

Is on a payment agreement, then we will we will do that. We'll be happy to do that.

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Karen Lusson 02:19:06.924 --> 02:19:07.553

Thank you.

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Nichole Owens 02:19:09.084 --> 02:19:21.444

Hey, Karen, this is Nicole ones. Yeah. Similarly for comment and we have shared that in the past and to kim's point to just continue to look forward to being really proactive with customers, even in advance of that. But in short.

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Nichole Owens 02:19:22.344 --> 02:19:23.004

Were there.

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Karen Lusson 02:19:24.263 --> 02:19:24.893

Thank you.

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ellen rendos 02:19:26.393 --> 02:19:30.954

This is Ellen at nicor and I can confirm we're doing it also.

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Karen Lusson 02:19:31.643 --> 02:19:32.664

Great Thank you.

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Maria Gallardo 02:19:40.825 --> 02:20:00.115

Okay, thank you. The utilities for tightening here also carrying Leslie in mentioning the Chad that we requested all vendors report the outstanding balance. And then also we'll ask them that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:20:00.145 --> 02:20:08.665

The outstanding balance equals that reconnect amounts so that we can issue the highest rate benefit amount as possible.

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Maria Gallardo 02:20:11.394 --> 02:20:18.684

Uh, I see do we have anyone from people's gas that would like to address that question?

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Michelle Machay 02:20:20.274 --> 02:20:25.524

Uh, yep, this is Michelle. We have no changes planned. We'll do what the rules allow. Thank you.

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Maria Gallardo 02:20:26.364 --> 02:20:31.074

Thank you Michelle. Okay. Right. Moving on.

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Maria Gallardo 02:20:31.079 --> 02:20:51.234

With the next section is section 7, which is it talks about our coordination. So we are here including again, starting September 1st we're going to be considering households, categorical eligibility 1 of the household members.

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Maria Gallardo 02:20:51.240 --> 02:21:11.395

Use snap or 10 of benefits in the prior loans. Also the, the, we talk about that, including the insert. So that's also document coordination moving on with a section. 8.

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Maria Gallardo 02:21:11.814 --> 02:21:31.434

Agency designation this year we are making a change in our local administering agencies network. So central community action agency, which was serving lean and living.

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Maria Gallardo 02:21:31.560 --> 02:21:51.712

Counties their board of directors voted to terminate a full life services and as a result, they have not they did not apply for 2022 grand funds and the department has selected task with community service.

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Maria Gallardo 02:21:51.719 --> 02:22:11.809

To be the emergency provider to serve these counties in program year, 2022, and a notice of funding opportunity, or will be issued for the for these counties to find a permanent provider prior to the next fiscal year.

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Maria Gallardo 02:22:13.614 --> 02:22:30.744

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Uh, so they currently, they currently password already are the agency that are we starting find people customers in those 2 counties as well right? Any questions or comments on this 1.

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Maria Gallardo 02:22:32.124 --> 02:22:32.934

Section.

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Maria Gallardo 02:22:35.279 --> 02:22:55.344

Hearing on both to section 11, which is the timely and meaningful public participation. So we're documented here that Leslie, and pointed out earlier our public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 3.

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Maria Gallardo 02:22:55.440 --> 02:23:15.552

At 10 0 am to 1130, the purpose of these public hearing is to receive comments from the probably concerning the draft statement. We send the public notice of the public hearing to local agencies as well as impact members and the interested parties last.

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Maria Gallardo 02:23:15.625 --> 02:23:35.365

Tuesday to my 12 twenties, and that these will be conducted this year via Webex. We provided that Webex logging to the network as well as the packet interested parties any comments or questions on this section.

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Maria Gallardo 02:23:41.424 --> 02:24:00.864

Thank you and I stand to of war. We have section 13, which is our assurance 16. our currently, this section require us to contact those local agencies that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:24:01.105 --> 02:24:21.025

At minister and assurance 16 component in program year 2021. so we are currently updating that section. So once the statement submitted to will make sure that we send you a copy of the plan and.

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Maria Gallardo 02:24:21.120 --> 02:24:41.032

You can see the report that saved as well and then, lastly, it's not only on our overview, but on section, 17, which is program integrity I like to bring to your attention that we are adding under 17.1.

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Maria Gallardo 02:24:41.364 --> 02:25:01.434

Which is our fraud reporting mechanism? We are adding that also costumers could email the office of community assistance, physical address. So then they can also report any alleged fraud case. So we're adding that has had another mechanism.

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Maria Gallardo 02:25:01.765 --> 02:25:21.595

That it's available to the customer, that address is also the study in our application that customers receive a call. So, with that, that's all what we plan today. Oh, last thing I'm sorry on page 30.

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Maria Gallardo 02:25:21.715 --> 02:25:41.522

Parks 37, which is question, 17.5 on their income verification after further internal review. We accidentally marked the payments coordinated all their energy.

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Maria Gallardo 02:25:41.760 --> 02:26:01.795

Assistance programs to avoid duplication of payments. So we are not currently doing that. So we are proposing to then to not then mark that as something that we are doing, but we are leaving for sure that computer databases are periodically.

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Maria Gallardo 02:26:01.919 --> 02:26:22.074

To verify, accuracy and timeliness of payments made to utilities. So those are reports that we have available to local agencies, and also internally to monitor the, that those payments are being made, and that we are verifying that carousel thousands. So, with that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:26:22.314 --> 02:26:36.174

Um, that feed on terms of the draft of state planning discussion. So, I think at this point, I don't see anyone else have any other final questions, or comments on the plan.

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Maria Gallardo 02:26:40.944 --> 02:26:41.364

Okay.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:26:44.004 --> 02:26:58.434

Yeah, I don't see any Maria, so thank you so much for taking us do on that. As I said earlier, we're presenting the draft plan today. This is our normal practice and.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:26:59.035 --> 02:27:18.595

We will be asking for a motion to approve this state plan as a draft then. Okay. We'll we will update the pack. If there are any comments received in the public hearing that would cause us to make a significant change. Otherwise we send the documents.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:27:18.625 --> 02:27:21.295

To the path when we submitted to.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:27:31.915 --> 02:27:32.875

And David.

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david wortman 02:27:33.625 --> 02:27:36.295

Yeah, that's why is that my team to to do a.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:27:37.585 --> 02:27:37.885

Yep.

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david wortman 02:27:38.065 --> 02:27:48.115

Okay, so, uh, I think at least 2 hours ago, we had 11 members of the pack on the call. So having heard the draft plan.

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david wortman 02:27:48.715 --> 02:28:08.245

Had access to it, I would entertain a motion and a 2nd to approve the draft plan with the understanding that it is draft and it will only be submitted in this form. If there are no substantial comments that the public hearing can I get.

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david wortman 02:28:08.304 --> 02:28:09.834

A motion to that effect.

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ellen rendos 02:28:14.424 --> 02:28:18.144

This is Ellen randall's I will make a motion to approve.

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Dalitso Sulamoyo 02:28:20.454 --> 02:28:20.874

So.

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david wortman 02:28:21.144 --> 02:28:28.494

Thank you. So now, Maria, can you call actually called the role or call that you both.

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Maria Gallardo 02:28:29.214 --> 02:28:37.374

And actually, I was going to provide an update for the record. We do have I counted the 14 members.

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Maria Gallardo 02:28:37.764 --> 02:28:40.254

Team, so thank you so much. Everyone.

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Maria Gallardo 02:28:40.320 --> 02:28:49.135

For joining this meeting today. So, David, I'm sorry do you want me to call the names that.

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david wortman 02:28:49.375 --> 02:28:49.855
Yeah.

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Maria Gallardo 02:28:50.335 --> 02:28:50.545
Right.

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david wortman 02:28:50.545 --> 02:28:50.755
So.

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Maria Gallardo 02:28:51.085 --> 02:29:00.475
Okay, so I saw Michelle machade, which is a proxy for Dave bearing at people's gas North.

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Maria Gallardo 02:29:00.984 --> 02:29:20.634
Um, we have trace 10 days from city of Chicago. We have Nicole all wins from combat. We have Kimberly bond as a proxy to Melanie brown representing Ameren, Illinois. We have Sarah Moscow with.

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Maria Gallardo 02:29:20.664 --> 02:29:40.764
From a city sense utility board. We have 1, the Hopkins from South Austin coalition. Also we have gentleman how work from the Illinois Commerce Commission Jared polisci ship CDF, Chicago we have.

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Maria Gallardo 02:29:41.304 --> 02:30:00.954
Ellen randoms from nicor gas debates those to them while you're from champagne County, regional planning commission, Laurie walls from city of Chicago crease wide from we'll County, Stacy Wilson from Illinois in the electric agency and finally, but not least.

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Maria Gallardo 02:30:01.075 --> 02:30:03.475
So, you can from.

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david wortman 02:30:04.555 --> 02:30:21.115
Okay, all those that heard their name we have a motion is 2nd to approve the draft plan and submit to assuming unless there is substantial comments received at the public, hearing all those in favor signify.

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david wortman 02:30:21.265 --> 02:30:22.135
By saying I.

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Joan Howard 02:30:23.185 --> 02:30:23.785

Hi.

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Jared Policicchio, City of Chicago, he/him 02:30:24.745 --> 02:30:25.015

I.

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david wortman 02:30:25.885 --> 02:30:27.715

Any opposed same sign.

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david wortman 02:30:30.444 --> 02:30:42.174

Hearing none, uh, that his past so, uh, we will do the public hearing next week and then let people know the results of that. So that's.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:30:42.204 --> 02:30:42.414

Right.

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david wortman 02:30:42.744 --> 02:30:43.644

Thank you everyone.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:30:44.544 --> 02:30:49.824

Thank you, thank you all. I was going to get a few pits program updates.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:30:50.334 --> 02:31:09.822

And here we are, we're very transparent just like you want to David so that's why it's such a long meeting here, but it's a lot of important information. So thank you all for holding on. So, pit program updates as of July 13 there were 31.3000.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:31:10.884 --> 02:31:30.090

Dollars currently advocated annually on behalf of 30,659 customers that are enrolled in tip. The average current benefits is 1020 dollars. You do have a break down by L. A. that was provided.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:31:30.774 --> 02:31:50.376

Uh, I think on the 27th, as part of the meeting packet, the average benefit last to was a 1000 dollars and last year we were obligated about 29.4Million. We had enrolled 29,430.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:31:50.574 --> 02:32:10.554

Customers, so we have a nice increase. Their new tip application will begin September 1st, and they have already begun with the recertification process and we've provided training, et cetera, something new and.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:32:10.560 --> 02:32:30.235

Fighting is that Jose worked with tester consulting, incorporated the contractors to offer a star document upload site, similar to the customer inquiry portal where customers can upload their documents as part of the recertification.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:32:30.719 --> 02:32:50.850

Um, and it is available to both and Pip applicants and restarted buying customers. New Pip, statewide allocation we've already talked about it is a 47% increase over last year. So hopefully we will get a lot more.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:32:50.879 --> 02:33:10.221

Tip customers and then what's there are the program year 22 pick program changes that David already talked about earlier. And then I think most there was going to mention a couple things about that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:33:12.354 --> 02:33:31.194

Thank you Leslie and so on this section, we like to let the group now that effective July 1st we have been find customers on peep. You've seen that 200% of the federal poverty level.

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Maria Gallardo 02:33:31.494 --> 02:33:51.264

And the 60% state, median income that we talked earlier, also the new benefit matrix that also was pushed in star so that we can present the big customers. How much their comparison and will be.

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Maria Gallardo 02:33:51.359 --> 02:34:11.454

So, then they can make an informed decision that has been going on since July 1st. So, now that we receive authorization from the energy assistant act to implement the other changes that have an impact in.

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Maria Gallardo 02:34:11.574 --> 02:34:31.582

Star system, we plan to implement the following changes effective Monday, August 2nd so we will be next Monday. In the meantime we have been working very hard with the customer consulting to in the meantime to make sure that.

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Maria Gallardo 02:34:31.680 --> 02:34:51.808

Those changes were made available as soon as we receive that authorization. So, those changes are now, our maximum benefit of 1800 dollar annually will be split. 50% of that benefit will go.

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Maria Gallardo 02:34:51.865 --> 02:35:11.993

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The primary utility, and then the other 50% will be going to the electric company also the customer payment responsibility, or the CBR, which was following the earlier. Speed will also be.

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Maria Gallardo 02:35:11.999 --> 02:35:32.130

3% of the customer payment will go to the primary utility and then the 3% remaining will go to the electric company and they find the link, which was 1 of the biggest changes in our peak program that dropped.

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Maria Gallardo 02:35:32.424 --> 02:35:52.144

Has changed now to 75 days. So, instead of the customer who is making not making, or having lease payments been dropped potentially on day 45 that they now will be changed to the 75.

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Maria Gallardo 02:35:52.524 --> 02:36:12.444

Um, we're planning to drop the customer if that's the case on drug 76 on day 76 however, we're still leaving the offer. Right? So, if a customer has an X2, any circumstance that it's preventing them for making.

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Maria Gallardo 02:36:12.534 --> 02:36:32.624

Payments and contact the local agency, the agency can still overwrite that future drop on base 76 in that way. So those are the program changes that had an impact in the star system that we are, as I said earlier, we were planning to roll.

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Maria Gallardo 02:36:32.664 --> 02:36:42.444

Sufferings in the star system effective Monday, August. 2nd, so any questions on this part.

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Maria Gallardo 02:36:51.595 --> 02:36:55.255

Based hearing it on David will turn it back to him.

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david wortman 02:36:56.785 --> 02:37:08.695

Okay, um, we're a long ways into this meeting our done other business. We don't have any, does anyone on this call have anything that they want to discuss?

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david wortman 02:37:10.945 --> 02:37:29.875

Okay, um, I said, we don't have any there. There are a couple things I want to say, not really with the pack though. 1st, next Thursday for there are people on this call. That this may be interesting too and some utilities likely not, but next Thursday we have.

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david wortman 02:37:29.904 --> 02:37:49.644

The water assistance program, state plan, meeting where it's a public meeting, not a public hearing. We are to receive public input, but it doesn't have to be a public hearing. So we're going to use that meeting to present the state plan. I'm also going to use it as an opportunity to talk about.

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david wortman 02:37:50.394 --> 02:38:10.194

The state wire plan, our program, which there was a state act passed in the spring session. So the next week's is just the federal crisis water program that's set up from our funding. But if.

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david wortman 02:38:10.224 --> 02:38:30.354

You have received that. Welcome but if if you want to know more about it and haven't received an email from us, let us know, send an email to 1 of us and we will get you on that list. It's a week from today. The next thing that I wanted to say is, I.

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david wortman 02:38:30.414 --> 02:38:50.484

I was told today that we're supposed to be going back to in person meetings as an option. So this was our, maybe our last, depending on what goes on, but maybe our last, all online, but we will, of course, continue to offer this as an option. 1 thing has changed.

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david wortman 02:38:50.544 --> 02:39:10.494

I think we're all a little more comfortable with online meetings now, but future meetings we'll have a in person option for those who want to come in. So, those are the last 2 things that I have. I'm seeing a couple things on here. Oh, yeah Thank you. Leslie, and she put if you have any questions about the light.

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david wortman 02:39:10.734 --> 02:39:28.254

You can send them to Kimberly, that carver at Illinois. She's retiree. That's come back on a contract to help us with the, the federal water program. Um, let's see.

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david wortman 02:39:30.804 --> 02:39:36.774

I think, uh, is there anything else that needs to be said on this Maria? I think you answered Martha, is.

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Maria Gallardo 02:39:41.455 --> 02:39:52.045

Anything further, um, I mean, no oh, Martha, if you have any follow up questions, you know, feel free to always reach out to me and Leslie.

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david wortman 02:39:54.505 --> 02:39:59.245

Okay, so this was a long meeting, but a good 1. uh, we got, uh.

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david wortman 02:39:59.304 --> 02:40:17.964

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You know, the years laid out in front of us. So thank you everyone, thank you. Uh, Larry and deletes. So, for the, uh, the work on the, uh, act and you'll have to tell me how the signing went very, but otherwise we will talk to everyone later. Thank you for your time today.

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Thank you.

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Leslie Ann Lesko 02:40:21.865 --> 02:40:23.425

Thank you everyone bye. Bye.

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Maria Gallardo 02:40:24.684 --> 02:40:26.604

Thank you guys, we appreciate it.