



Stakeholder Meeting on the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program Fund

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Introduction:

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Background

- Bill S-3995 was signed into law on August 24, 2021 as P.L. 2021, c.200.
- The law created the School and Small Business Energy Efficiency Stimulus Program Fund within the BPU to fund two programs:
 - › The School and Small Business Ventilation and Energy Efficiency Verification and Repair (SSB-VEEVR) Program; and,
 - › The School and Small Business Noncompliant Plumbing Fixture and Appliance (SSB-NPFA) Program.



Background

- The SSB-VEEVER program will award grants to schools (including charter schools) and small businesses to ensure that they have functional HVAC systems that are tested, adjusted, and, if necessary or cost effective, repaired, upgraded, or replaced to increase efficiency and performance.
- The law enumerates several minimum performance standards that systems serviced under this program must meet.



Background

- The SSB-NPFA program will provide grants to schools and small businesses to replace noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances that fail to meet water efficiency standards, and waste and potable water and the energy used to convey that water, with water-conserving plumbing fixtures and appliances.
- Water-conserving appliances include certain:
 - › Commercial Dishwashers
 - › Automatic Commercial Ice Makers
 - › Commercial Clothes Washers



Background

- The programs are to be funded with federal funding available from the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.”
- Current estimated budget of \$180,000,000.00
 - › 75% for SSB-VEEVR, 25% for SSB-NPFA
 - › 75% for Schools, 25% for eligible Small Businesses
 - › 75% for Underserved Communities
 - › 75% of costs funded by this program, 25% from another source



Background

- The draft program guides for both programs were published on September 9th
 - › SSB-VEEVR draft program guide is available [here](#)
 - › SSB-NPFA draft program guide is available [here](#)
- Public comments on these program guides are due on 9/23 at 5 p.m.



Public Comments

- All comments received during this meeting will be added to the official record on this docket.
- If you did not pre-register to speak at this meeting but wish to speak, please notify staff using the Q&A box on Zoom.
- Please try and limit your questions and comments to the specific matter at hand.
- Please remain respectful of all other speakers.

Clarifying Questions & Comments



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Written Comments

- The Board will be accepting written comments on this matter until 5pm E.T. on September 23.
- Please see the notice for filing instructions. Staff prefers comments to be submitted electronically.
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