

RFP NAT17002-WAPLOCAL
RFP Questions with Answers from
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)
Division of Energy & Climate (DEC)
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On Wednesday, October 25, 2017 there was an additional request for clarification on Question 1.

The clarification is stated: “...*In question 1, there were 5 parts to the question. We do not see an answer to the question ‘How should the escrow account be funded?’ We are asking for a clarification of how DEC [Division of Energy & Climate] expects/requires this account to be funded.*”

Answer: DEC did not provide an answer to this portion of the question because each potential bidder should have the internal knowledge of their agency and should be able to answer this without DEC instruction.

1. On page 9 of the RFP, there is mention of an escrow account that should be allocated to resolve contractor errors and/or unauthorized work by the Respondent. Can you expand on this? How should it be funded? How much should be included? How will it be managed? Who/how will errors and unauthorized work be determined?

Expansion on Escrow Account: The Subgrantee takes responsibility for weatherization work conducted that is not in compliance with the Weatherization Assistance Program. Invoices that are submitted to DEC that are questioned for compliance will be sent to the Subgrantee’s Program Manager for resolution.

How much: The Subgrantee should determine how much should be placed in an escrow account based on the amount of work they anticipate doing. This fund must be explained in their proposal.

Managed: The escrow account will be held at the Subgrantee level and earmarked for weatherization.

Error/Unauthorized Work Determination: If DEC determines that there may be unauthorized work or noncompliant work performed through the weatherization program, DEC will dispute the invoice through the Subgrantee’s Program Manager. If the dispute is valid, DEC will make the final ruling that the Subgrantee is responsible. The Subgrantee Program Manager will make the determination on how to resolve the dispute internally (whether the Subgrantee or a subcontractor is responsible).