

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

**IN RE: PASCOAG UTILITY DISTRICT** : **Docket No. 5084**  
**REQUEST TO REALLOCATE DSM FUNDS** :

**First Set of Data Requests of the**  
**Division of Public Utilities and Carriers to**  
**Pascoag Utility District**  
**(September 21, 2021)**

1-1. Please identify the number of weatherization projects that have been completed to date in 2021.

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

There have been 25 weatherization projects completed to date.

1-2. Please identify how many of the projects have received the maximum incentive of \$3,000.

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

8 weatherization projects have received the maximum incentive.

1-3. Please identify whether the incentive is still set at 100 %

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

The weatherization incentive is still set at 100%.

1-4. Has the District considered reducing the incentive to further stretch the budgeted funds?

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

The District believes that after advertising the weatherization incentive rebate at 100% all year, it would be confusing to change the rebate level in the last three months of the current program year when all the materials that customers have been given state that the rebate is 100%. We have paused the marketing of the 100% weatherization incentive level in an effort to slow demand rather than reduce the incentive level.

Additionally, the District wants to capitalize on existing customer demand for these services and ensure the necessary incentives are available to allow these projects to move forward in a timely fashion rather than potentially defer them to the future when they are not guaranteed to move forward. This reallocation request allows the District to deploy budgeted funds in a way that is more responsive to customer needs and delivers more energy savings as opposed to in the future.

1-5. In 2021, budget allocations relating to energy audits were set at \$31,500; allocations for direct install of LED lightbulbs etc. were set at \$10,000; and allocations for insulation, air

sealing, and programmable thermostats were set at \$52,913. Are all of these categories anticipated to be depleted?

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

2021 budget allocations represented estimates of what we projected we would spend in each category. The District spent less on energy audits and more on weatherization projects than anticipated. We are projecting that we will deplete funding in all categories.

- 1-6. Of the weatherization projects the District would like to complete, how many of these projects are anticipated to receive the maximum incentive of \$3,000?

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

Of the three weatherization projects, two would qualify for the maximum rebate of \$3,000. The third customer is in the middle of the audit/weatherization estimate process. There may also be other weatherization projects that customers would like to move forward with and they just have not reached out to us yet.

- 1-7. How was the increase in the incentive from 75% to 100% marketed/communicated to customers?

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

The District sent out billing inserts throughout the year. We also had flyers available at the counter. We used social media posts and paid for advertising through local newspapers. Customer Service Representatives spoke to customers about the weatherization incentive whether they came into the office or called. We also sent out weatherization information in the lighting kits that were given to income eligible customers.

- 1-8. Please specify whether the District is using a wait list for audits? If so, how many customers are on the wait list?

Answered by Desarae Dolan:

The District does not have a wait list for audits at this time.