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TO: Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers and Weatherization Coordinators
FROM: Steve Divan, Weatherization Program Manager
RE: ECHO Annual Allocation Transition
DATE: 6/1/18

Greetings,

During calendar year 2016, the OHCS weatherization team convened a workgroup to complete a review of the ECHO program and to recommend program operation changes for implementation during the 2017-2019 biennium. One of those recommendations was to transition to an annual allocation from quarterly allocations.

Starting on July 1st, 2018, OHCS will transition to an annual allocation for ECHO. With the transition to an annual allocation, we will be adjusting allocations to match actual receipts received during the previous year. OHCS expects annual allocation amounts will be announced in early April of each year.

ECHO 18 funds: Unobligated funds (Admin, Program and T&TA) equivalent to one quarter’s allocation in each category will be allowed to be rolled forward into the 2019 program year.

ECHO Energy Education: Energy Education (EE) funds will no longer be funded as a separate grant and will now be delivered through the ECHO weatherization program. Energy education programs may be funded by utilizing up to 20% of the annual ECHO program allocation for energy education purposes. ECHO 18 EE funds may not be rolled forward into the new program year as EE funds; however, remaining ECHO 18 EE funds may be converted to ECHO 18 program funds. ECHO 18 EE funds converted to program funds will be included as part of the one quarter rollover limit.

ECHO 19 funds: The ECHO 19 annual allocation (Admin, Program and T&TA) will be released during the first week of July, 2018.

If there are any questions at all, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Thank you
If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0979.

Best Regards,
Steve Divan
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