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November 12, 2025

Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, NH 03301**REQUESTED ACTION**

Pursuant to MOP 1200, I., D., authorize the New Hampshire Department of Energy (Department) to pay the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP) (Vendor #171349), Washington, D.C., for an amount of \$3,046.58 for calendar year 2026 membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. **100% Federal Funds**

Funding is available in account, Low Income Weatherization, as follows:

	<u>FY2026</u>
02-52-52-520510-33560000-026-500251 Membership Fees	\$3,046.58

**EXPLANATION**

Approval of this request will enable the Department to pay annual membership dues to the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSPP). NASCSPP is a non-profit, member-driven learning network for state and territory managers of Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) programs and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) offices nationwide. NASCSPP works to support its members in the successful administration of federal and state programs. Being a member strengthens organization impact, creates unity, and provides a platform for trusted, collaborative partnerships, and stronger relationships with federal funders. NASCSPP has been instrumental in assisting the state of New Hampshire in planning for and operationalizing funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), as well as planning for and reauthorizing the Formula WAP Grant funds, and producing annual State Plans. A copy of the invoice is attached for your review.

Listed below are answers to the standard questions required for Governor and Council organization dues and membership approval submissions:

- 1. How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?** NASCSPP was incorporated October 31, 1978, in the state of South Carolina as The National Association of State Economic Opportunity Office Directors.

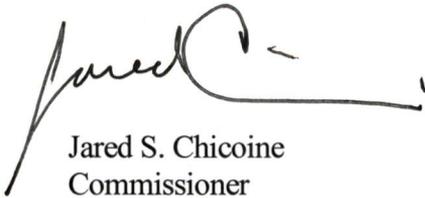
The name was changed November 5, 1981, to the National Association for State Community Services Programs. In 1987, NASCSP's membership expanded to include directors of the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program.

2. **Is there any other organization which provides the same or similar benefits which your agency belongs to?** NASCSP is the sole organization that represents all state administrators of the Weatherization Assistance Program and CSBG Program.
3. **How many other states belong to this organization and is your agency the sole New Hampshire state agency that is a member?** All 50 states, Washington DC, and 5 territories are members. The NH Department of Energy is the only Weatherization Assistance Program member in NH.
4. **How is the dues structure established? (Standard fee for all states, based on population, based on other criteria, etc.)** The dues were derived using a base dues amount and a percentage of state allocation of federal funds for each state. Increases occurred this way through 2008. The next increase in 2015 dues was a flat \$1000 for the 2016 calendar year. The next increase approved by the membership in 2022 called for a 25% dues increase, capped at \$1,000, for the 2023 calendar year, and annual dues increases of 2% for 2024 through 2028. Any change in membership dues is proposed and presented by the Membership Committee and has to be approved by a vote of the membership according to the NASCSP Bylaws.
5. **What benefit does the state receive from participating in this membership?** New Hampshire receives regular updates on actions in Washington, DC, which impact funding and program requirements; there are educational and training resources for state staff, along with technical expertise and advice on programs implementation.
6. **Are training or educational/ research materials included in the membership? If so, is the cost included? Explain in detail** Membership allows participation in a variety of learning opportunities, training events, topic-focused webinars, and one-on-one consultation with experienced NASCSP staff. Membership also provides access to information on critical issues, research, and resources, such as from national energy labs, accredited weatherization training centers, and other states managing the same programs. All of this is free to members. National training conferences are an additional expense.
7. **Is the membership required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams? Explain.** Membership is not required to receive any federal grants or required in order to receive or participate in licensing or certification exams.
8. **Is there any travel included with this membership fee? Explain in detail any travel to include the number of employees involved, the number of trips, destination if known and purposes of membership supported trips.** No, the United States Department of Energy (US DOE) supports and issues a Memo of support for each of the NASCSP training conferences where important WAP updates and trainings are shared. Each state receives Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) funds for travel and conference attendance. Members do get a discounted conference registration rate.
9. **Which state agency employees are directly involved with this organization? (Indicate if they are members, voting members, committee members, and/or officers of the organization?)** Membership is for the Department as a whole, however, the staff members that have the most interaction are the Department's Weatherization Program staff Kirk Stone, Joseph Cicirelli, Brittany Mitchell, and Michele York.

**10. Explain in detail any negative impact to the State if the Agency did not belong to this organization.** New Hampshire would lose access to the valuable resources that NASCSP provides, such as educational and training resources for staff, and technical expertise for local program management, networking among members on common program problems and concerns.

Your consideration of our request is appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jared S. Chicoine", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jared S. Chicoine  
Commissioner



NASCSP

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

September 15, 2025

Kirk Stone

Weatherization Program Manager, New Hampshire Department of Energy

Via email: [kirk.m.stone@energy.nh.gov](mailto:kirk.m.stone@energy.nh.gov)

Dear Kirk:

On behalf of the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP) Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your participation and continued support of NASCSP.

NASCSP was founded in 1978 by state administrators, like you, to support and advance the work of Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) state offices as they pursue economic security and energy efficiency for individuals and families in their states and communities across the country. We exist for you!

As you know, CSBG and WAP help tens of thousands of families across our country and territories. Our work plays a fundamental role in providing vital support to seniors, individuals living with disabilities, children, and families. This mutual pact between federal agencies, state offices, and local communities, has worked, providing economic stability and mobility for over 45 years.

Although the future of all social service programs seems uncertain, we want you to know that NASCSP will be here to support you, our CSBG and WAP state administrators, while remaining steadfast in calling for continued support of these critical federal funding streams.

NASCSP will continue to connect you with your peers in all the states and territories, through shared best practices webinars, and real-time engagement on regional calls. NASCSP's WAP and CSBG newsletters, emails, and social media will continue to inform you of new program developments, reporting deadlines, and funding opportunities.

NASCSP will continue to connect you to our federal partners at the U.S. Departments of Energy and Health and Human Services through the coordination, development, and dissemination of critical information and data on both CSBG and WAP implementation for key federal agencies and other stakeholders.

NASCSP will continue to connect you with our network of national partners. As a trusted ally and resource, NASCSP is your champion, alongside our national partners, for CSBG and WAP legislative and policy issues, including both reauthorization and appropriations.

You can count on NASCSP. However, to keep these important resources available and strong, we need to count on you. Enclosed is your 2026 membership dues invoice. Your continued membership support helps advance our collective efforts to create economic security for all Americans. Thank you for your commitment to continuing our shared mission!

Please remember, as always, to contact us if there is anything we can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

*Beverly Buchanan*

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President, NASCSP Board of Directors

cc: Brittany Mitchell, [brittany.p.mitchell@energy.nh.gov](mailto:brittany.p.mitchell@energy.nh.gov)

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**NASCSP**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR STATE COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

**2026 NASCSP MEMBERSHIP DUES INVOICE**

**TO:** Kirk Stone  
Weatherization Program Manager  
New Hampshire Department of Energy

**FROM:** National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP)

**RE:** 2026 NASCSP Membership Dues

**INVOICE#:** NH-NASCSP2026-WAP

**DATE:** September 15, 2025

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2026 WAP Dues..... \$3,046.58

Membership covers services from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026

**Please make checks payable to NASCSP and remit payment to:**

**National Association for State Community Services Programs**  
PO Box 640037  
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-0037

Federal ID # 57-0715943  
DUNS # 849157102

Payment is due by December 31, 2025. Dues are considered delinquent after April 1, 2026.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT**

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