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November 10, 2026

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 (NASCSP) (Vendor #171349), Washington, D.C., for an amount of $3,107.51 for calendar year 2027 membership dues effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval for the period January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. **100% Federal Funds**

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

	FY2027
02-52-52-520510-33560000-026-500251 Membership Fees	$3,107.51

EXPLANATION

Approval of this request will enable the Department to pay annual membership dues to the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP). NASCSP 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. NASCSP 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. NASCSP 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:

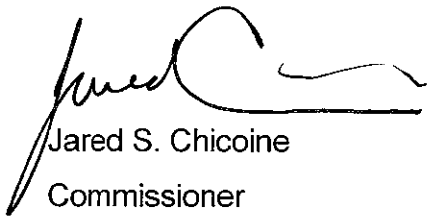
1. **How long has this organization been in existence and how long has this agency been a member of this organization?** NASCSP was incorporated October 31, 1978, in the state of South Carolina as The National Association of State Economic Opportunity Office Directors. The name was changed November 5, 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.)** Membership dues are proposed and presented by the Membership Committee and 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, D.C., 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 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 (U.S. 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.

Respectfully submitted,



Jared S. Chicoine

Commissioner

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September 30, 2026

Kirk Stone
Weatherization Program Manager, New Hampshire Department of Energy
Via email: kirk.m.stone@energy.nh.gov

Dear Kirk:

On behalf of the National Association for State Community Services Programs (NASCSP) Board of Directors, thank you for your participation and membership in NASCSP. Enclosed is your 2027 membership dues invoice, and I hope we can count on your continued support.

At this time last year, there was considerable uncertainty in the federal funding landscape. NASCSP, as always, stood with our CSBG and WAP state administrators, advocating for ongoing support of these essential federal programs. Likewise, you stood with one another, sharing best practices, critical insights, and success stories, many of which NASCSP was proud to elevate to a broader audience.

NASCSP connects you to your peers across all states and territories through best-practice webinars, real-time engagement on regional calls, and ongoing information sharing. With your renewed membership, our WAP and CSBG newsletters, email updates, and social media announcements will continue to keep you informed about emerging program developments, reporting requirements, and funding opportunities.

NASCSP also serves as a vital bridge to our federal partners at the U.S. Departments of Energy and Health and Human Services. We coordinate, develop, and share essential information and data to support effective CSBG and WAP implementation at the national level.

Additionally, NASCSP connects you with our network of national partners. As a trusted ally, NASCSP advocates alongside these partners for key legislative and policy priorities related to CSBG and WAP.

You can rely on NASCSP. And to ensure these critical resources and services remain strong, we rely on you. Your continued membership sustains our shared work and strengthens our collective commitment to advancing economic security for all Americans. Thank you for your dedication to our shared mission!

As always, please reach out to us if there is anything we can do to support you.

Sincerely,

Melanie Sanford
President, NASCSP Board of Directors

cc: Brittany Mitchell, brittany.p.mitchell@energy.nh.gov

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2027 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: 2027 NASCSP Membership Dues

INVOICE#: NH-NASCSP2027-WAP

DATE: September 30, 2026

2027 WAP Dues ..... $ 3,107.51

NASCSP Membership Dues covers services from January 1, 2027, through December 31, 2027. Please submit payment by the due date of December 31, 2026. Dues are considered delinquent after April 1, 2027. NASCSP does not use Membership Dues for direct lobbying expenditures.

Please make checks payable to NASCSP and remit payment to:

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Pittsburgh, PA 15264-0037

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT PAYMENT

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