POLICY: US DOE Weatherization Readiness Funds (WRF) are utilized by Service Providers to make repairs in deferred dwellings that cannot receive weatherization services until such repairs are made. WRF are distributed to Minnesota Service Providers using the standard weatherization funding formula. The average cost per unit (ACPU) for WRF is $5,000.

Dwelling Eligibility:
- Only weatherization projects that will be “weatherization ready” after WRF repairs are made and will result in a US DOE completion may receive WRF funds.
- Service Providers must analyze all potential reasons for deferral within a home prior to utilizing WRF to ensure WRF will correct all causes of deferral and result in a US DOE completion.
- WRF cannot be used on weatherization projects funded with BIL weatherization funds.
- Any homes receiving over $8,000 in WRF must receive prior approval from the Minnesota Department of Commerce Energy Equity Team (Commerce).

Prioritization:
Service Providers will use the following factors to determine which dwellings receive WRF:
- WRF should generally be utilized in homes which cannot be made weatherization ready using other means.
  - Service Providers should consider using other Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) funds when repairs are allowable as a Health and Safety Measure (while managing health and safety averages).
  - When available, alternative funds such as Conservation Improvement Program, rehabilitation, or agency funds should generally be utilized over WRF.
- The total cost of required repairs in a given home shall be considered in deciding which homes will receive WRF in order to manage the WRF ACPU.

Allowable Repairs:
- Mold and Moisture
  - Grading for seepage control
  - Gutters/downspout repair, replacement, or addition
  - Sump pump repair, replacement, or addition
  - Black mold removal
- Structural
  - Foundation repairs
  - Roofing repairs or replacement
  - Window/door repair or replacement
- Plumbing/sewer repairs
- Electrical upgrades such as knob and tube replacements and panel upgrades
- Inaccessible crawl spaces
- Remediation of excessive clutter or hoarding
- Chimney liner repair and replacement
- Integrated Pest Management (bugs and vermin remediation and blocking)
- Radon mitigation (requires prior approval from Commerce)

Repairs not listed here will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must receive Commerce approval.
Monitoring:
Monitors will verify that the WRF were spent on a home that resulted in weatherization, that the statewide WRF average was maintained, and that any projects costing more than $8,000 were approved prior to project start. Monitors will review the quality of the work performed using WRF to determine that it is completed in a professional manner.