

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 52: Housing and Community Services Low Income Weatherization and Energy Assistance

To: Emergency Board Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Fahey

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board increase Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$16,383,491 and approve the establishment of two permanent positions (0.76 FTE) for the Housing and Community Services Department to administer supplemental weatherization and home energy assistance received under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

\$1.1 million of this request will help an estimated 1,600 low-income households with home energy expenses. A further \$15.3 million is for weatherization assistance, a program which comes with a requirement for the Department to monitor local program partners who deliver the assistance locally, and to inspect weatherized units. New ongoing monitoring standards are driving the need for the permanent compliance specialist positions, which can be supported through federal administrative funding allowances in the agency's weatherization assistance program.

The Subcommittee recommends approval.