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Mr. Norcross,

I am John Jones, Housing Director, for KI BOIS Community Action Foundation, Inc. My agency serves four rural counties in Southeastern Oklahoma as a sub-grantee. Our projected allocation of stimulus dollar is just over 2.5 million dollars and we have projected to weatherize 363 by March 2012.

We have three different staff that compile monthly information on the ARRA WAP Funds. Our Fiscal Supervisor alone spends at least three hours each month providing monthly reports on production. The other two spend almost 8 hours each month helping compile the information for the reports. That does not include six to eight hours that I spend assisting in compiling the information. Compiling the quarterly reports takes staff a minimum of two days to get them prepared.

The earlier timelines for reporting ARRA WAP reports has put a lot of pressure on staff to get these reports in by the deadline. Although we have our own crews, we do use local contractors to install heaters, furnaces, a/c, and water heaters. These contractors are also burdened by the information that we need from them to get our reports compiled. We have vendors that we purchase supplies from that also has to provide information to us about their employees. That places a burden on small businesses and also causes them to increase prices to pay for the cost of providing us with necessary information and SSN.

For all other weatherization funds spent, our small business contractors do not have to spend any time providing information to us. Several have stated that they would just as soon not provide their services thru the ARRA WAP program, due to the hassle.

The stimulus dollars have been a blessing to many of our clients. But we could do so much more if we weren't having to take time off from production to send in another report.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns.

John Jones, CCAP
Housing Director

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