

Mark Wolfe

Mark Wolfe is an energy economist who is a leading expert on developing grant and finance initiatives for low and moderate income households. He has extensive experience working with state energy, human services and housing agencies to develop, manage and integrate grant and finance resources for addressing energy and housing affordability concerns. He works across government sectors focusing on low and moderate income families in underserved communities and energy affordability issues. He is a sought-after speaker in those areas.

As Executive Director of the National Energy Assistance Directors Association (NEADA) and the Energy Programs Consortium (EPC), Mark is responsible for representing the interests of state low income energy directors before Congress. This year he has been instrumental in working with congressional committees to develop appropriation levels for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) which address the impact of pandemic-related job loss. He is also leading a national media campaign to support increased funding for energy assistance to help stabilize low income families as well as managing targeted research projects.

His previous experience includes serving as the policy director for the Coalition of Northeastern Governors; policy advisor for the US Treasury Department; editor of the State and Local Energy Report; program director for the National Governors Association; and a senior analyst for the Congressional Research Service.

Key projects:

- Managing a multi-state project to implement low income community solar initiatives.
- Directed an assessment of existing private energy efficiency and renewable loan programs to meet the needs of low and moderate income families.
- Developed a multi-state project to create a secondary market for aggregating and selling unsecured energy efficiency and renewable energy loans.
- Conducted an analysis of the participation of low income families in the California Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.
- Managed the development of a multi-year \$10 million program, primarily funded by the Ford Foundation, to identify innovative strategies to strengthen energy efficiency low income home ownership.

Selected recent media coverage and publications:

- Interview, NPR's Here and Now, *Unemployed: How Struggling Families are Navigating Rent, Utility Bills Piling Up*, October 27, 2020.
- *Winter Energy Costs to be Higher, But Oil Users May Get Break*, AP, October 18, 2020.
- *Millions of Americans Risk Losing Power and Water as Massive Unpaid Utility Bills Mount Up*, Washington Post, October 1, 2020.
- *Utility Crisis Threatens a New Crisis for Low Income and Black Families*, CNN, July 12, 2020.
- Interview, NPR's Here and Now, *Many Americans Struggle to Pay for Air Conditioning*, June 1, 2020.
- *Unless Congress Acts, Americans will be Sweltering in Place*, opinion piece, The Hill, July 20, 2020.
- C-SPAN, moderated panel and spoke on energy affordability for the US Energy Association, May 20, 2019.
- *Totally Preventable: How a Sick Woman Lost Her Electricity and Her Life*, NYT, lead quote, July 13, 2018.
- *America's Deep Freeze is No Time to Be Stingy about Heating*, CNN opinion piece: January 4, 2018.
- *Publication: Assessment of Low-Income Homeowner Participation in the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program in California*, November 2017.

Education:

M.S., Public Policy with a focus on economics, housing and human services, W. Averell Harriman College for Urban and Policy Sciences, State University of New York.

B.A., Urban Studies with a focus on economics and finance, academic scholarship, Antioch College.