

Investing in Energy Efficiency through LIHEAP

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) meets the home heating and cooling needs of over 6 million low-income households each year. But LIHEAP does more than just help families pay their energy bills. LIHEAP also makes long term energy efficiency investments through a strategic partnership with the Department of Energy's Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)¹.

 By increasing the energy efficiency of low-income housing stock and reducing the amount of energy used, weatherization stretches life-saving LIHEAP dollars further. Every dollar spent on weatherization returns
\$1.72 in energy benefits and \$2.78 in non-energy benefits such as health and safety². \$283
Average Annual Savings18%
Annual Heating Fuel Consumption Savings7%
Annual Electric Consumption Savings

 Common WAP measures include: Insulation, air sealing, appliance safety testing, mechanical ventilation, programmable thermostats, high efficiency lightbulbs, vapor barriers, ductwork, and more.



64,376 Households assisted through LIHEAP weatherization In 2017, 47 States and the District of Columbia transferred LIHEAP funds to their WAP. Just over \$374 million in LIHEAP funds were dedicated to weatherization in 2017³.

LIHEAP funds are also used to restore, preserve, or improve heating or cooling service through emergency equipment replacement and repair. Grantees spent just over \$70 million on emergency equipment repair and replacement in 2017.



40,016 Households assisted through LIHEAP emergency equipment repair or replacement

³ Source of all LIHEAP Data: LIHEAP Clearinghouse 2017 Reports





¹ The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) allows states to transfer up to 15% of their LIHEAP allocation to WAP and up to 25% with an approved good-cause waiver.

² Source: Oak Ridge National Lab Retrospective Evaluation ORNL/TM-2014/338