States with LIHEAP Cooling Programs that Provide AC Units and/or Fans

Summary: 7 states (3 w/ LIHEAP & WAP in separate offices, 4 together) provide AC Units and/or fans -Full list of states (31) providing cooling programs available from the LIHEAP Clearinghouse here.

Source: LIHEAP Clearinghouse

1. DELAWARE

LIHEAP- Delaware Department of Health & Social Services

WAP - Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control

Program Dates-May 1 - August 31

Eligibility / Priority- 200% of federal poverty level

Benefits-\$1 minimum; \$1,000 maximum

Details- The Summer Cooling Assistance Program (SCAP) has two components: Electricity and Air Conditioning (A/C). SCAP provides cooling assistance to eligible low-income households to reduce their energy burden by subsidizing the cost of their summer home energy bills and/or paying for the purchase, delivery and installation of room-sized air conditioners (A/C). The purpose of SCAP is to assist low-income households that are especially vulnerable to high temperatures, heat, and humidity. Therefore, the SCAP is targeted to households with members sixty or older, disabled, children five and under, and members that suffer from chronic breathing conditions, such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases of chronic bronchitis or emphysema. However, there can be exceptions to the targeted households depending on the availability of funding. In addition, since FFY 2016, the SCAP A/C requires that the household has not received an air conditioner under SCAP A/C during the last ten (10) years. If the household is requesting an A/C during this period, they must provide bona fide justification for requesting another air conditioner. (For example, to receive a replacement for a stolen A/C, the applicant has to submit the police report)

2. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

LIHEAP & WAP Together- DC Dept. of Energy and Environment

Program Dates-Year-round

Eligibility/Priority- 60% of state median income

Benefits- \$250 minimum; \$1,800 maximum

Details- Subject to available funding, box fans are provided to households with inoperable air conditioning, when a member of the household is over the age of 55 or under the age of five.

3. KENTUCKY

LIHEAP- Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

WAP- Kentucky Housing Corporation

Program Dates-June 1 - September 30

Eligibility/Priority- 130% of federal poverty level

Benefits- \$50 minimum; \$175 maximum.

Details- Benefits can also be provided in the form of air conditioning units. To be eligible for an air conditioner, the household must meet the eligibility requirements for cooling. The household must not have or have access to an air conditioner and must meet one of the following requirements:

- Have a member with a health condition or disability that requires cooling to prevent further
 deterioration as verified by a physician's statement on letterhead. Example: persons with heart
 disease, asthma or severe respiratory conditions.
- Have a member who is 65 years of age or older.
- Have a member who is under the age of six.
- A household may receive both, the benefit amount and an air conditioner, if they meet the eligibility requirements.

4. MISSISSIPPI

LIHEAP & WAP Together- MS Dept. of Health & Human Services

Program Dates- May 1 - September 30

Eligibility/Priority- 60% of state median income.

Benefits- \$1 minimum; \$1,500 maximum

Details- Fans, air conditioners, cooling systems and other cooling energy-related service may be provided depending on need.

5. NEBRASKA

LIHEAP- Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

WAP- Nebraska Energy Office

Program Dates June 1 - August 31

Eligibility/Priority- 130% of federal poverty level.

Benefits-\$300 minimum, \$700 maximum

Details- Fans, air conditioners, cooling systems and other cooling energy-related service may be provided depending on need. LIHEAP funds are utilized to provide financial assistance to households meeting the cooling assistance and other eligibility requirements to purchase window air conditioning units. In some instances, financial assistance is provided for a portable air conditioner rather than a window air conditioner.

6. OREGON

LIHEAP and WAP Together- Oregon Housing and Community Services

Program Dates- year-round

Eligibility/Priority- 60% of state median income

Benefits- \$250 minimum; \$1,050 maximum

Details- Households in crisis may be eligible for other services, depending on specific situations and needs, including in-kind items such as blankets, air conditioners, and other emergency supplies.

7. TEXAS

LIHEAP & WAP Together- Department of Housing and Community Affairs

Program Dates- Year-round

Eligibility/Priority- 150% of federal poverty level

Benefits- \$1 minimum; \$5,400 maximum.

Details- Under energy crisis, a non-vulnerable Household may receive service and repair of existing heating and cooling units not to exceed \$3,000 when the county is experiencing Extreme Weather Conditions. Vulnerable Households that include at least one member that is Elderly, Disabled, or a Child age 5 or younger, may receive service and repair of existing heating and cooling units not to exceed

\$3,000 or a portable air conditioning/evaporative coolers and heating units (portable electric heaters are allowable only as a last resort) regardless of weather conditions.