

## **Summary | Info Request on AC Units | April 2020**

### **Questions**

1. Does your WAP currently replace central or window/room air conditioning units? If yes, please provide any available details on your policy and installations (e.g., ECM and/or H&S measure, criteria for receiving a unit, number of annual installs, average cost or measure price caps, etc.)?
2. If yes, does your state or your local agencies engage in any bulk purchasing of units? Can you provide common make/model information?
3. Would you be interested in participating in an informal working group to provide other states with "lessons learned" as they try to establish cooling programs to help at-risk households shelter in place this summer?

### **Summary**

- 25 state WAP grantees responded:
  - 16 states running programs for AC Units (Funded by LIHEAP and/or DOE and/or Utility)
    - AZ, DE<sup>1</sup>, HI, KS, MO, OH, OK, NC, ND, NH, NM, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT
  - 9 states that do NOT install AC units
    - AK, KY, MA, ME, MI, PA, VT, WA, WY
- Three states reported some type of bulk/group purchasing, but this was NOT done at the state level. The majority of the states indicated that AC units were purchased by individual local agencies or their HVAC contractors.
  - In North Dakota, local agencies purchase units in bulk at the beginning of the season.
  - In Rhode Island, there is a third party (SMOC) that is responsible for order, delivery and billing of the ac units. SMOC does buy in bulk.
  - In Ohio, a few local agencies work with an organization called Grange to bulk purchase air conditioners. Ohio also indicated that some agencies provide vouchers to clients to pick up their own unit.
  - Some states reported that AC units are bought from local stores such as Lowes/Home Depot
- No states were able to provide common makes/models of AC Units. One state, Tennessee, required Energy Star rated AC Units. The types of AC units installed by cooling programs varied:

<b>Central AC Only (5)</b>	<b>Window/Room AC Only (5)</b>	<b>Both (6)</b>
AZ, NM, OK, SC, UT	DE, HI, NC, ND, RI	KS, MO, NH, OH, TN, TX

- The following states would be interested in participating in a working group on this topic:
  - MO, TN, UT, AZ, SC

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<sup>1</sup> Note: In DE, the program is managed and implemented by the LIHEAP office which is completely separate from WAP. See LIHEAP Clearinghouse for more details.