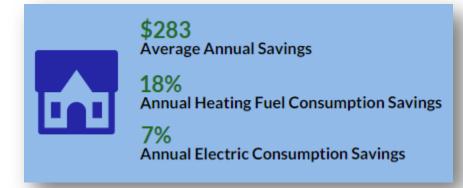


Investing in Energy Efficiency through LIHEAP

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.



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



❖ In 2018, 48 States and the District of Columbia transferred LIHEAP funds to their WAP. Just over \$418 million in LIHEAP funds were dedicated to weatherization in 2018³.

LIHEAP funds are also used to restore, preserve, or improve heating or cooling service through emergency equipment replacement and repair. Grantees spent just over \$78 million on emergency equipment repair and replacement in 2018.



³ Source of all LIHEAP Data: LIHEAP Clearinghouse 2018 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