



Membership Update

The below update includes a correction to the total Weatherization Assistance Program allocation for FY26 denoted in red.

WAP Funding Heads to White House, CSBG, LIHEAP Receive Plus-Ups!

Energy and Water

On January 16, the Senate passed, 82-15, the spending package that contains the Energy and Water appropriations bill. The package now heads to the president's desk for his signature.

As was previously reported, the bill contains funding for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE), State Energy Programs (SEP), the Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP), and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

According to the [FY26 Energy and Water Development appropriations bill](#) and the accompanying [Joint Explanatory Statement](#) (JES), EERE will receive \$3.1 billion in FY26. WAP will receive \$329 million for the base program (\$3 million above the FY25 funding level), \$10 million for Training & Technical Assistance, and \$30 million for the Weatherization Readiness Fund (WRF). SCEP will receive \$435 million, while SEP will receive \$66 million.

The JES directs the Department of Energy to “obligate funds recommended for the Weatherization Assistance Program to States, Tribes, and other direct grantees at the start of each grantee’s approved Program Year, contingent upon the grantee’s approved annual application” (p. 98).

Labor, Health and Human Services

On January 20, House and Senate appropriators released a [Joint Explanatory Statement](#) for the FY26 Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHSE) appropriations bill. The bill funds the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) and the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

The compromise LHHSE bill funds CSBG at \$775 million for FY26, \$5 million over FY25; the [bill](#) also maintains eligibility at 200% of FPL (p. 252). LIHEAP will receive \$4.045 billion, \$20 million over FY25.

The agreement directs “ACF to brief the Committees within 30 days of enactment of this Act on the staffing levels of the Office of Community Services, including information on the workforce in the LIHEAP office, and how ACF will be addressing any vacancies to support State heating and cooling assistance programs, distribute LIHEAP funding in a timely and accurate manner, and complete the LIHEAP Formula Report as requested in Senate Report 119-55” (p. 58).

Please see the funding levels in the table below.

Office/ Program	FY25 Enacted	President's FY26 Request	Senate Proposed FY26	House Proposed FY26	FY26
Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)	\$3.46 billion	\$888 million	\$3.29 billion	\$1.85 Billion	\$3.1 billion
Office of State and Community Energy Programs (SCEP)	\$454 million	\$0	\$465 million	\$272 million	\$435 million
State Energy Program (SEP)	\$66 Million	\$0	\$75 million	\$5 million	\$66 million
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) -base -T&TA -WRF	\$366 million -\$326M -\$10M -\$30M	\$0	\$375 million -\$335M -\$10M -\$30M	\$195 million -\$180M -\$5M -\$10M	\$369 million -\$329M -\$10M -\$30M
Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)	\$770 million	\$0	\$770 million	\$770 million	\$775 million
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)	\$4.025 billion	\$0	\$4.045 billion	\$4.025 billion	\$4.045 billion

These funding levels at the Departments of Energy and Health and Human Services represent significant bipartisan wins for CSBG, WAP, LIHEAP, and our network!

We will keep you updated as we receive additional information.

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