Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Overview

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

- Block grant, established in 1981
- Congress appropriates funds annually
- $3.69 billion for FY19
- Nearly 6 million households were served in 2017
Energy Burden

**Definition:** The percentage of household income spent on energy bills.

**Example 1:** $5,000/month income
$250/month energy costs

**Energy burden is 5%**

**Example 2:** $1,667/month income
$250/month

**Energy burden is 15%**
How are LIHEAP funds used to reduce energy burden?

- To help households meet their home energy costs
- To assist when households face an energy crisis
- For low-cost weatherization measures
- To provide services to reduce the need for energy assistance
Example: During the polar vortex...

... or whenever a constituent calls your office.

If their **furnace or air conditioning isn’t working**, or when they **can’t afford** to fix their system or buy a new one.

They look to you for help, resources.

**LIHEAP** should be your first referral.
Social Media Education

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps the most vulnerable American families afford their home energy bills.

LIHEAP helps keep our neighbors safe and warm in their homes.

#ProtectLIHEAP

Source: 2018 National Energy Assistance Survey
Social Media Education

One in three households helped by LIHEAP has at least one child younger than 18.

LIHEAP helps keep children from doing their homework in the dark.

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Nine out of ten households helped by LIHEAP has at least one elderly person, child, or person with a disability.

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Four out of five households helped by LIHEAP has an annual income below $20,000.

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One out of three households helped by LIHEAP went without food for at least one day in the past year.

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Source: 2018 National Energy Assistance Survey
Three out of ten households receiving LIHEAP used their kitchen stove or oven to provide heat.

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LIHEAP Action Day

- February 27-28, Washington, D.C.
- Stories from your constituents
- Demo the impact of LIHEAP
- Thank you for support
- Dear Colleague letters
LIHEAP Postcard Project

Helping PEOPLE Changing LIVES
Thank you, LIHEAP.
What we do matters.

Thanks for keeping us warm in the winter. I’m thankful for everything you do for us. We would be cold.
Questions?

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