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# Louisiana Housing Finance Agency



## Energy Assistance Department

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## **M E M O R A N D U M**

**To:** The Board of Commissioner

**From:** Darleen Okammor, Program Manager  
Energy Assistance Department

**Date:** October 31, 2008

**Re:** Energy Assistance Program Committee

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There will be a Energy Assistance Program Committee meeting, Wednesday, November 12, 2008 at 10:30 a.m., at Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Committee Room 1, located at 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Update – LHFA 10 Million dollars additional funds to support LIHEAP and WAP

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

October 31, 2008

**Energy Assistance Program Committee**

A regular meeting of the Energy Assistance Committee, will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at \_\_\_\_ AM, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Committee Room \_\_\_\_, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge LA, by order of the Chairman.

Preliminary Agenda

1. Call to order, roll call and introduction of guests
2. Approval of minutes from the October 15, 2008 Committee Meeting.
3. Update-LHFA 10 Million additional funds to support LIHEAP and WAP
4. Other Business
6. Adjournment

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Milton J. Bailey, President

If you require special services, please call Barry Brooks at (225) 763-8700 by Monday, November 09, 2008.

**Louisiana Housing Finance Agency  
Energy Assistance Department  
Wednesday, October 15, 2008  
2415 Quail Drive  
Committee Room 1  
Baton Rouge, LA 70808  
10:00 A.M.**

**Commissioners Present**

Robert Pernell, Chairman  
Katie Anderson  
Maureen Clary

**Commissioners Absent**

Mayson Foster  
Tyrone Wilson  
Roy Lester

**Staff Present**

Darleen Okammor  
Patricia Hampton

**Others Present**

Milton Bailey  
See attached Sign-In Sheet

Commissioner Chairman Robert Pernell called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum established. Introduction of guests followed.

**\$10 Million Dollars Update**

The program manager welcomed everyone and thanked the commissioners for the opportunity to address the committee and guests. The minutes of the September 24 meeting were approved on a motion by Commissioner Robert Pernell, and seconded by Commissioner Maureen Clary. Introduction of guests followed. Ms. Darleen Okammor gave an Energy Assistance Programs update. She stated that on September 29<sup>th</sup>, the Energy Department launched the initiative LIHEAP Express funded with \$5 millions of the \$10 million dollars received from Department of Natural Resources (DNR). An Energy Programs Activity Summary was included in the Board Material Book. Under the LIHEAP Express, 3,996 households have been served through October 10, with an average benefit amount of \$418 per household. The funds are being expended quickly as intended. The PR campaign has been very effective.

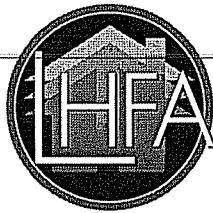
We are anticipating a huge increase in our regular LIHEAP program. We are expecting approximately 59 million. The state usually received about 17 million, and the Department will keep you inform when the Notice is received. Last year LIHEAP received \$25 million and served 46,815 households. The program year ended September 30<sup>th</sup>. Along with the regular LIHEAP program, we also have an initiative entitled, "Energy Special Needs Program" This program will help household in a crisis situation with energy bills of \$800.00 or more. The program will pay up to \$1000 to clear arrearages and help keep families utilities connected. We have served 163 households.

We also have a contract with the Department of Social Services/OCS. Originally, we have awarded \$100.000.00 to help with three of their child welfare programs to help those families keep their utility, if they are in a crisis. Last year, we allocated 150,000. They have expended \$70,000 and served 184 household through June 2008. We have a reporting issue to workout with them. Therefore, we have not decided if we will continue this agreement.

The regular Weatherization Assistance Program started in July. As you can see from the report the number of housing is low but this is only one month production. The report does not reflect the number of units in progress. This number will change in the next quarter. The program received \$1.7 million allocation from Department of Energy, which is not much compared to other states. The average cost to weatherize a unit id \$2959. This amount is increased every year by the consumer price index or 3%, whichever is higher.

This year, with the 5 million from DNR, I will be a challenge for us to increase production by 1100 homes. Last year 788 homes were weatherized. A house can only be weatherized once, unless it has been damaged by fire, flood, or acts of God. Eligibility is a two step process; first applicant must meet the income guidelines and condition of the house to receive weatherization services. We are working on the details to launch the WAP Express next month. We are considering ways to ramp-up to increase production. President Bailey suggested that we could possibly bid it out the work to contractors across the state and take it to a new level. Commissioner Maureen Clary suggested that maybe the Weatherization Program can work along with Habitat to help weatherize some of the homes. CELCO has a program, Energy Miser that if you bring the home up to their standard the family gets a 10% discount off their bills. Commissioner Pernell would like for the program to be able to determine quantified energy savings from the work we do, which help as we look for more funding.

We would like to end the meeting on time, is there anything else that need to be discussed with the Energy Department? If there is nothing else, this meeting is adjourned.



**LOUISIANA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY**

**ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 15, 2008**

**Guest Sign-In Sheet**

<b>GUEST NAME</b>	<b>PLEASE PRINT</b>	<b>FIRM</b>
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1. Katie Anderson LHFA Comm.
2. Lisa M. Williams CHDO Collaboration
3. RKD PLL
4. Naileen OKammer LHFA
5. Janet C. Commis ion
6. Charles Tate CDI
7. Carolyn McQuarrie LHFA
8. Angela King LHFA
9. Patricia Hampton LHFA
10. Costa Aranjo LHFA
11. Milton Bailey LHFA

## Energy Programs Activity Summary

Through 10/24/2008

### LIHEAP Express

Grantor: Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

Type of Assistance (Sept. 29, 2008 - Sept. 30, 2009)	Total Expenditures	Number of Households Assisted	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied	Number of new Households
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under		
Non-Crisis as of 10/24/2008	\$2,724,250.00	6,362	1748	2252	1562	39	3426
Crisis as of 10/24/2008	\$489,566.02	1,443	163	359	482	10	889
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$3,213,816.02</b>	<b>7,805</b>	<b>1,911</b>	<b>2,611</b>	<b>2,044</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>4,315</b>
Percentage of Total			24.5%	33.5%	26.2%	0.6%	55.3%

### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Grantor: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Type of Assistance (October 2007-September 2008)	Total Expenditures	Number of Households Assisted	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under	
Heating (October – March)	\$6,683,683.17	15,896	6283	6560	2931	125
Cooling (April - September)	\$16,392,395.19	22,727	9020	8949	4257	172
Year Round Crisis	\$2,144,135.24	7845	982	2276	2552	29
Other Crisis:						
Energy Special Needs Program	\$161,408.09	163	27	81	88	6
DSS/OCS thru 6/08	\$70,708.29	184	7	28	121	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$25,452,329.98</b>	<b>46,815</b>	<b>16,319</b>	<b>17,894</b>	<b>9,949</b>	<b>332</b>
Percentage of Total			34.9%	38.2%	21.3%	0.7%

### Weatherization Assistance Program

Grantor: Department of Energy (DOE)

Type of Assistance (July 2008 - June 30, 2009)	Total Expenditures	Units Weatherized	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under	
DOE Production						
July 1 - Sept. 30, 2008	\$132,994.34	34	19	16	7	11
LIHEAP Only Production						
July 1 - Sept. 30, 2008	\$174,601.67	25	16	15	4	18
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$307,596.01</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>
Percentage of Total			59.3%	52.5%	18.6%	49.2%