
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: January 30, 2009

Re: Energy Assistance Program Committee

There will be a Energy Assistance Program Committee meeting, Wednesday, February 11, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Committee Room 1, located at 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge, LA.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Energy Program Status Report
- Energy Programs Activity Summary

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

January 30, 2009

Energy Assistance Program Committee

A regular meeting of the Energy Assistance Committee, will be held on Wednesday, February 11, 2009, at 11:00 AM, Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, Committee Room 1, 2415 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge LA, by order of the Chairman.

Preliminary Agenda

1. Call to order, roll call and introduction of guests
2. Energy Programs Status Report
3. Energy Programs Activity Summary
4. Other Business
5. Adjournment

Milton J. Bailey, President

If you require special services, please call Barry Brooks at (225) 763-8700 by Monday, February 9, 2009.

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Louisiana Housing Finance Agency
Energy Assistance Department

ENERGY PROGRAMS STATUS REPORT

TO: Board of Commissioners

FROM: Darleen Okammor, Program Manager

DATE: January 21, 2009

RE: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

Background: On April 18, 2007, the Board adopted a Memorandum of Understanding between LHFA and Louisiana Community Action Partnerships (LACAP) to transfer the administration of the statewide Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). LHFA, Energy Assistance Department has continued to have transition meetings with LACAP on a regular basis to access on-going transition issues, concerns and needs.

LIHEAP Express

As of January 5, 2009, ninety-seven percent (97%) of the \$5 million allocated for services has been expended to serve 10,280 households and reaching 5,727 (55.7%) new clients who have not received energy benefits in the last 12 months. The Energy department will notify agencies who have remaining balances over \$1000 to take the necessary budget actions to wrap up the program.

2009 Annual LIHEAP

On November 17, 2008, LHFA and LACAP released \$45.4 million to local community action agencies. The annual program is open to households who have not received a benefit, including LIHEAP Express, in the last 6 months for non-crisis assistance and 12 months for crisis assistance. As of January 5, 2009, two percent (2%) has been expended to serve 19,437 households and reach 6,351 (32.7%) new clients.

WAP Express

On January 5, 2009, the amended WAP State plan to include the \$5mil of PVE funds was approved by the U.S. Department of Energy and accepted by LHFA. The WAP Express is scheduled to begin February 2, 2009. A series of software training for providers will be held January 27-30, 2009.

Additional Appropriations

WAP

There is congressional news the WAP has received a supplemental allocation of \$250 million, which is a 10% increase over 2008 allocation. This means that Louisiana will receive twice as much as the regular grant of \$1.7 million increasing the state's allocation to approximately \$3.4 millions.

LIHEAP

Under the House Stimulus (Recovery) Bill, Congress will allocate \$1 billion to the LIHEAP for the 2010 Fiscal Year. The funds will be allocated under the Tier One formula and made available to States on October 1, 2009. Louisiana would receive approximately \$8.6 million.

To review the text of the stimulus package and the committee report, you may visit the following web-addresses:

<http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/RecoveryBill01-15-09.pdf>

<http://appropriations.house.gov/pdf/RecoveryReport01-15-09.pdf>

Energy Programs Activity Summary Through 1/05/2009

LIHEAP Express

Grantor: Department of Natural Resources (DNR) \$5,000,000

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 Clients
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under		
Non-Crisis Assistance	\$4,071,390.07	8,546	2,250	3,091	2,158	153	4,635
Crisis Assistance	\$660,748.90	1,734	205	450	565	19	1,092
Totals	\$4,732,138.97	10,280	2,455	3,541	2,723	172	5,727
Percentage of Total	97%		23.9%	34.4%	26.5%	1.7%	55.7%

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

Grantor: Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) \$45,657,071

Type of Assistance (October 2008-September 2009)	Total Expenditures	Number of Households Assisted	Households with at least one member who is:			Denied	Number of New Clients
			60 Years or Older	Disabled	Age 5 or Under		
Heating (October – March)	\$7,233,296.03	16,173	5933	6812	3257	153	4,645
Cooling (April - September)							
Year Round Crisis	\$1,017,557.21	3264	371	943	1065	19	1,706
Energy Special Needs Program							
DSS/OCS						0	
Totals	\$8,250,853.24	19,437	6,304	7,755	4,322	172	6,351
Percentage of Total	2%		32.4%	39.9%	22.2%	0.9%	32.7%

Weatherization Assistance Program

Grantor: Department of Energy (DOE) \$7,860,805 (1953 Units)

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 - Oct. 31, 2008	\$232,510.21	63	39	28	13	11
LIHEAP Only Production						
July 1 - Oct. 31, 2008	\$258,469.34	34	25	17	8	19
Totals	\$490,979.55	97	64	45	21	30
Percentage of Total	6%		66.0%	46.4%	21.6%	30.9%