

LIHEAP Keeps Families Safe



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a critical, lifesaving program that targets and serves the most vulnerable — older Americans, individuals with disabilities, and children. Most of these families and individuals survive on less than \$20,000 per year; many are on fixed incomes.



LIHEAP Saves Families

The average limited-income household's energy burden is three times that of other households. For families with annual incomes of less than \$35,000, more than half reported they reduced or went without medicine or food at least once in the previous 12 months to pay an energy bill.

- LIHEAP restored power or prevented disconnection 2,757,200 times in FY 2023.
- In FY 2023, 60,818 homes were weatherized with LIHEAP funds, improving those households' health, safety and affordability.
- LIHEAP keeps people safe and helps families avoid dangerous heating practices. Three out of 10 LIHEAP households include a person vulnerable to temperature extremes because of age or disability.

34,000 children

were lifted out of poverty because of energy assistance in 2023.

68,000 people

at the of 65 or older were lifted out of poverty because of energy assistance in 2023.

Current Funding

- \$3.7 billion of FY 2025 regular block grant funding was released in October 2024. \$3.6 billion from the CR signed on September 26. This amount is 90% of the FY 2024 funding level, which was \$4.1 billion. There is \$100 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and \$108,000 in unobligated funds. 90% of the funds have been disbursed. The remaining funds are on hold until a final FY 2025 budget is passed.
- The National Energy & Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC) and its national coalition of over 300 member companies strongly urge Congress to defend and improve LIHEAP funding for FY 2026.



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