

# LIHEAP FACT SHEET

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a grant from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). LIHEAP helps low income New Mexicans pay for home heating and cooling costs one time each program year.

## 1. Funding

### ► New Mexico Grantees

- New Mexico Human Services Department
- Five Sandoval, Laguna, Jemez, Jicarilla, Nambe and Zuni Tribes/Pueblos- \$170,480.00 (FFY 2015)

### ► Requirements

- Moratorium on utility shut offs is in effect from November 15 to March 15
- Program benefits must be available through March 15<sup>th</sup>
- 10% Administrative Cost Limit
- 10% Carry Forward Limit

### ► Options

- No more than 15% for weatherization services

### ► HSD Historical Funding

Year	Base Grant	State Funds	Emergency Contingency Funds	Leveraging Funds	Total Funding	Funding to MFA for Weatherization	
2015	\$15,251,805	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,251,805	\$2,000,000	13%
2014	\$15,454,004	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,402,119	\$1,368,000	9%
2013	\$14,250,069	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$14,250,069	\$1,800,000	12.63%
2012	\$15,715,345	\$0	\$0	\$28,763	\$15,744,108	\$1,928,905	12.27%
2011	\$20,573,372	\$0	\$1,007,223	\$0	\$21,580,595	\$771,562	4%
2010	\$20,574,983	\$0	\$2,194,207	\$18,397	\$22,787,587	\$3,343,124	15%
2009	\$22,918,844	\$1,900,000	\$2,346,755	\$92,852	\$27,165,599	\$3,437,826	15%
2008	\$9,535,262	\$2,000,000	\$1,175,835	Not Authorized	\$12,714,049	\$1,920,056	15% Fed/25% State
2007	\$9,358,167	\$6,000,000	\$508,870	\$553,832	\$16,420,869	\$1,403,725	15%
2006	\$9,392,231	\$21,260,000	\$523,567	\$15,881	\$31,191,679	\$900,000	9%
2005	\$8,934,013	\$0	\$982,691	\$9,714	\$9,926,418	\$1,487,500	15%
2004	\$8,474,722	\$0	\$191,282	\$319	\$8,666,323	\$1,200,000	14%
2003	\$8,469,606	\$0	\$583,707	\$176	\$9,053,489	\$1,050,000	12%
2002	\$8,043,979	\$0	\$2,245,669	\$0	\$10,289,648	\$0	0%
2001	\$6,600,853	\$2,000,000	\$2,380,284	\$0	\$10,981,137	\$0	0%

**2. FFY 2015 Program Elements**

► **Eligibility**

- Heating or Cooling Expense
- 150% Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Citizenship or Qualified Immigrant Identification
- Social Security Number

<b>Income Eligibility - 150% of FPG</b>			
<b>Household Size</b>	<b>Monthly</b>		<b>Annual</b>
<b>1</b>	\$	1,460	\$ 17,520
<b>2</b>	\$	1,967	\$ 23,604
<b>3</b>	\$	2,475	\$ 29,700
<b>4</b>	\$	2,982	\$ 35,784
<b>5</b>	\$	3,489	\$ 41,868
<b>6</b>	\$	3,998	\$ 47,976
<b>7</b>	\$	4,505	\$ 54,060
<b>8</b>	\$	5,012	\$ 60,144
Each +	\$	509	\$ 6,108

► **Benefit Level – FFY 2015**

- \$25 Point Value
- 2 - 14 possible points
- 7.76 average points per household
- Energy Standard is \$197
- Average Benefit \$124
- Propane fuel type - 2 points additional

<b>B. Energy Cost (utility cost/income)</b>
3 Points – 16% or higher
2 Points – 11% to 15%
1 Point – 6% to 10%
0 Points – Up to 5%

<b>A. Vulnerable Household Member</b>
2 Points for each Household Member Type
○ Age 5 or Younger
○ Age 60 or Older
○ Disabled

<b>C. Income</b>			
<b>HH Size</b>	<b>3 Points</b>		<b>2 Points</b>
<b>1</b>	\$	973	\$ 1,460
<b>2</b>	\$	1,311	\$ 1,967
<b>3</b>	\$	1,650	\$ 2,475
<b>4</b>	\$	1,988	\$ 2,982
<b>5</b>	\$	2,326	\$ 3,489
<b>6</b>	\$	2,665	\$ 3,998
<b>7</b>	\$	3,003	\$ 4,505
<b>8</b>	\$	3,341	\$ 5,012
<b>Each +</b>	\$	339	\$ 509

► **Benefit Delivery**

- Vendor Payment – Over 100 vendors
- Direct Participant Payment – When vendors don't participate in LIHEAP or utilities are included in rent or households cut their own firewood

**3. LIHEAP Households Served and Average Benefits**

	<b>Served</b>	<b>Point Value</b>	<b>Average Benefit</b>
2014**	60,166	\$16	\$124
2013	68,462	\$16	\$122
2012	73,164	\$16	\$118
2011	74,592	\$25	\$181
2010	80,013	\$25	\$194

2009	69,477	\$40	\$298
2008	65,960	\$19	\$135
2007	62,269	\$19	\$127
2006	71,794	\$65 (\$25 in 07/06)	\$417

**\*\*Based off ASPENBI data not verified**

#### **4. Contact Information**

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