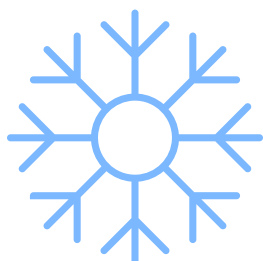


Investing in Energy Efficiency through LIHEAP



The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) meets the home heating and cooling needs of over 6 million low-income households each year. But LIHEAP does more than just help families pay their energy bills. LIHEAP also makes long term energy efficiency investments by transferring up to 15% of LIHEAP funds into the Weatherization Assistance Program through a strategic partnership with the Department of Energy.[1].

- Over \$515 million in LIHEAP funds went to weatherization in 2021[2].
- Common WAP measures include: Insulation, air sealing, appliance safety testing, mechanical ventilation, programmable thermostats, high efficiency lightbulbs, vapor barriers, ductwork, and more.
- By increasing the energy efficiency of low-income housing stock and reducing the amount of energy used, weatherization stretches life-saving LIHEAP dollars further. Every dollar spent on weatherization returns \$1.72 in energy benefits and \$2.78 in non-energy benefits such as health and safety[3].
- By allowing Grantees to combine, or braid, LIHEAP funds with other monies, more opportunities are created. In 2021, more than 70% of all LIHEAP-funded weatherization jobs were braided with other resources.



58,079

Households assisted through LIHEAP weatherization.



7% - Annual electric consumption savings

18% - Annual heating fuel consumption savings

\$283 - Average annual savings



36,767

Households assisted through LIHEAP emergency equipment repair or replacement



Sources: [1] The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) allows states to transfer up to 15% of their LIHEAP allocation to WAP and up to 25% with an approved good-cause waiver.
 [2] Source of all LIHEAP Data: LIHEAP Clearinghouse 2021 Reports
 [3] Oak Ridge National Lab Retrospective Evaluation ORNL/TM-2014/338