

## PY 2020 Louisiana Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) State Plan

The mission of the Louisiana Housing Corporation is to ensure that every Louisiana resident is granted an opportunity to obtain safe, affordable, energy efficient housing.

The goal of the Louisiana Housing Corporation Weatherization Assistance Program is to reduce the national and state consumption of fossil fuels and imported oil and assist eligible low income families reduce their residential heating and cooling energy costs.

### Components of the PY 2020 LA WAP Program

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant EE0007923
  - The grant was extended for an additional year and runs July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2021
  - Fourth Period Application: July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (currently the final year)
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization funding
  - Increased funding from 12% to 15% of FFY2020 Allocation

### Allocation of PY 2020 Funding

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE):

Budget Category	PY2020	PY2019	Change
Grantee Administration	\$104,141	\$84,788	+22.8%
Grantee T&TA	\$178,255	\$208,829	-14.7%
Subgrantee Administration	\$104,141	\$84,788	+22.8%
Subgrantee T&TA	\$91,800	\$68,856	+33.3%
Program Operations	\$1,313,002	\$1,070,760	+22.6%
Health & Safety	\$196,486	\$160,243	+22.6%
Vehicles & Equipment	\$80,000	\$0	N/A
Liability Insurance	\$9,000	\$10,500	-14.3%
Financial Audits	\$6,000	\$7,000	-14.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,082,825</b>	<b>\$1,695,764</b>	<b>+22.8%</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Units</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>145</b>	



<b>Subgrantee (City)</b>	<b>Planned Funds/Units</b>	
Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. (Shreveport)	\$178,620.00	19
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$159,287.00	17
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	\$206,874.00	19
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$788,399.00	79
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$419,813.00	44
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov./DHHS (Houma)	\$47,436.00	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$1,800,429.00</b>	<b>182</b>

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>PY2020</b>	<b>PY2019</b>	<b>Change</b>
Subgrantee Administration	\$510,676	\$356,291	+43.3%
Client Education	\$209,267	\$0	N/A
Program Operations	\$6,688,095	\$4,928,628	+35.7%
Health & Safety	\$1,095,600	\$733,720	+49.3%
Incidental Repairs	\$456,500	\$332,000	+37.5%
Liability Insurance	\$39,500	\$41,000	-4.7%
*Incidental Repairs (DOE units)	\$91,000	\$72,500	+25.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,090,638</b>	<b>\$6,464,139</b>	<b>+40.6%</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Units</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>664</b>	

<b>Subgrantee (City)</b>	<b>Planned Funds/Units</b>	
Caddo Community Action Agency, Inc. (Shreveport)	\$918,659.00	93
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$783,591.00	80
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	\$890,802.00	89
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$3,978,224.00	406
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$2,215,336.00	223
Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Gov./DHHS (Houma)	\$213,026.00	22
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$8,999,638.00</b>	<b>913</b>

	<u>PY2020</u>	<u>PY2019</u>
❖ Total Program Funding	\$11,173,463	\$8,159,903
❖ Total Budgeted Units	1095	809

- Budget Points of Interest
  - PY2018 Total Completed Units 666.
  - Health & Safety is budgeted at \$1080 per unit for DOE funding and \$1200 per unit for LIHEAP funding.
  - Total number of Subgrantees decreased from 7 to 6.
  - Liability Insurance (DOE) is budgeted at \$1500 per Subgrantee. Liability Insurance (LIHEAP) is budgeted based on allocated actuals of existing Subgrantees.
  - Financial Audits (DOE) is budgeted at \$1000 per Subgrantee.
  - Incidental Repairs is budgeted at \$500 per unit. LIHEAP funding supplements any Incidental Repairs on DOE funded units.
  - Vehicles & Equipment is budgeted based on order of receipt of Subgrantee requests and the amount the statewide Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) can support.

### Eligibility and Monitoring

- Program will use 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- Additional waiting list points are given to the following groups:
  - Elderly (60 years of age and older),
  - Persons with disabilities
  - Households with children 17 years of age and under
  - High residential energy users
  - Households with a high energy burden.
- 6 Sub-grantees serving 64 parishes for weatherization assistance
- 2020 Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU): **\$7,669** (PY 2019 \$7,541)

### PY2020 Annual File Changes from PY2019

- **Section IV.1** Removed Subgrantee “TBD”
- **Section IV.4** Updated Program Year from 2019 to 2020.
- **Section IV.5** Removed Policy Advisory Members – EBR Parish Office of Social Services and Added Calcasieu Parish Police Jury; Removed Entergy New Orleans and Added Entergy Services, LLC

- **Section IV.6** Updated with information related to the PY 2020 State Plan Hearing
- **Section IV.7** Updated the Recipient Principal Investigator from Collette Oglesby to Mitchel Chauvin.
- **Section IV.7** Added language "LHC held a competitive application process for a permanent service provider for Allen, Beauregard, Cameron, Calcasieu, and Vernon parishes in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of the 2019 Program Year. Following a public comment period and public hearing held on January 10, 2020, St. Mary Community Action Agency was awarded the territory."
- **Section IV.7** Updated information related to the 2017 American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) Survey response plan with the 2019 ACSI response plan.

### **PY2020 Master File Changes from PY2019**

- **Section V.1.1, Section 2** Added language to "Application eligibility expires 12 months from certification date if work on dwelling unit (energy audit) has not been initiated." Added "Subgrantees are required to re-verify eligibility and income at expiration in order to maintain a current certification date."
- **Section V.1.1, Section 2** Changed reference for "Link to Louisiana Wx Field Guides is located in section V.4.1" to "V.5.1"
- **Section V.2** Changed from "7 Subgrantees" to "6 Subgrantees".
- **Section V.5.1** Changed language from "LHC is in the process of requesting DOE approval to include materials outside of the approved 10 CFR 440, Appendix A, to include Energy Star certified refrigerators, Energy Star certified LED light bulbs, and showerheads with flow rate of less than 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm) and faucet aerators with flow rate less than 1.0 gpm." to "LHC has received DOE approval to include materials outside of the approved 10 CFR 440, Appendix A, to include Energy Star certified refrigerators, Energy Star certified LED light bulbs, showerheads with a flow rate of 2.5 gallons per minute (gpm) or less, and faucet aerators with a flow rate of 1.0 gpm or less. LHC has also received DOE approval to use updated maximum life expectancies for certain Weatherization Measures within NEA and MHEA per Attachment 9 of WPN 19-4."
- **Section V.5.1** Changed "For Program Year 2019" to "Program Year 2020"
- **Section V.5.1** Changed reference for "the list of Categorical Exclusion activities in Section 2.9 of WPN 19-1" to "Section 2.8 of WPN 20-1".
- **Section V.5.2** Approval dates for Energy Audit Procedures were pre-populated by DOE with the most recent approval dates of 8/12/2019.



- **Section V.5.2, Comments** Changed language from:

“LHC is currently in progress for re-approval of Louisiana’s energy audit procedures using the Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s Weatherization Assistant software for manufactured housing units, using Manufactured Home Energy Audit Version 8.9.0.5 (MHEA), and site-built, single family homes, using the National Energy Audit Tool Version 8.9.0.5 (NEAT). The current MHEA procedures were last approved by DOE on April 30, 2014 and will expire on April 30, 2019. LHC has also submitted for re-approval of the current NEAT procedures not scheduled to expire until September 8, 2021 to align the energy audit tools. Both are scheduled to be implemented with Program Year 2019.” to

“LHC received conditional DOE approval of Louisiana’s energy audit procedures using the Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s Weatherization Assistant software for manufactured housing units, using Manufactured Home Energy Audit Version 8.9.0.5 (MHEA), and site-built, single family homes, using the National Energy Audit Tool Version 8.9.0.5 (NEAT). The first condition was the implementation of a standardized Energy Audit Checklist to verify initial field audit data collection and audit software data entry for every WAP job. This was implemented effective January 1, 2020. LHC is in the process of completing the second condition which is the development of an Audit and Inspection Process Manual. LHC’s anticipated date for submission to DOE is May 31, 2020 for implementation with PY2020.”

- **Section V.5.3** Updated reference for “the minimum specifications outlined in the SWS and LA Field Guide in accordance with 10 CFR 440.” to “10 CFR 440.21”.
- **Section V.8.1** Changed language from “The Executive Director of the LHC has empowered the Program Administrator to be primarily responsible for all energy programs,” and added “which include both WAP and LIHEAP.”
- **Section V.8.2** Changed two instances of “PY 2019” to “PY 2020”.
- **Section V.8.3, Administrative/Fiscal Monitoring** Removed the word “annual” from “LHC staff will conduct an annual on-site Subgrantee program compliance monitoring review bi-annually in the first half and second half of the program year.”
- **Section V.8.3** Updated both the Fiscal Monitoring Schedule and Technical/Field Monitoring Schedule from Tentative PY 2019 dates to Tentative PY 2020 dates. Added “\*Subject to change based on changes in production goals.”
- **Section V.8.4** Added language “and PY2019” to “Both DOE and LHC saw a need for increased technical training at the Grantee and Subgrantee levels in PY2018 and PY2019, specifically in regards to the Louisiana Energy Audit tools NEAT and MHEA and the SWS.”
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- **Section V.8.4** Changed language from “In PY2019, LHC will procure an IREC accredited QCI training program by RFP to provide training to increase the number of BPI-certified Quality Control Inspectors working in the LA WAP and to maintain the existing knowledge, skills and abilities in the current qualified pool.” to “ In PY2020, LHC will again procure an IREC accredited QCI training program by RFP to provide training to increase the number of BPI-certified Quality Control Inspectors working in the LA WAP and to maintain the existing knowledge, skills and abilities in the current qualified pool.”

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