
ATTENTION OF:
All Louisiana Low Income Home Energy
Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Providers

NOTICE: LHP-2023-02

ISSUED: August 1, 2023

This notice remains in effect until amended,
superseded, or rescinded

SUBJECT: Louisiana LIHEAP FFY2023 Bipartisan Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA) Funding Guidelines

On November 4, 2022, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance (DEA) released \$1,280,056 in supplemental funding for the State of Louisiana's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for federal Fiscal Year (FY) 2023.

Congress appropriated these funds under the *Bipartisan Infrastructure, Investment, and Jobs Act (IIJA)*, (*Public Law 117-058*), signed into law on November 15, 2021. This act provided \$100 million in supplemental funding annually for five (5) years.

Effective July 25, 2023, these funds will be released with the FY 2023 Louisiana LIHEAP Subgrantee Agreement – Second Amendments. These funds are being obligated to the twelve (12) Subgrantees with the highest percentage of FY2023 funds expended as of July 18, 2023:

- Assumption Parish Police Jury (Assumption Parish)
- St. John Department of Community Services (St. John the Baptist Parish)
- St. Charles Parish Department of Community Services (St. Charles Parish)
- Macon Economic Opportunity, Inc. (West Carroll Parish)
- Humanitarian Enterprises of Lincoln Parish (Lincoln Parish)
- East Carroll Parish Police Jury (East Carroll Parish)
- St. James Parish Department of Human Resources (St. James Parish)
- Cameron Community Action Agency, Inc. (Cameron Parish)
- LaSalle Community Action Agency (Caldwell Parish, Catahoula Parish, Concordia Parish, Franklin Parish, Grant Parish, Jackson Parish, LaSalle Parish, Tensas Parish, Winn Parish)

- Iberville Parish Council, Office of Community Services (Iberville Parish)
- Quad Area Community Action Agency (Ascension Parish, East Feliciana Parish, Livingston Parish, St. Helena Parish, Tangipahoa Parish, Washington Parish, West Feliciana Parish)
- St. Mary Community Action Association, Inc. (St. Mary Parish, Vermillion Parish)

Subgrantees must expend FY23 IIJA Cooling Supplemental funds by **December 31, 2023** to avoid any risk of loss of funds.

Intake Procedures

All intake and eligibility services must be conducted in accordance with previously established regular LIHEAP policies and procedures. These funds will be available to deliver Cooling Assistance to clients who have not previously received FY2023 Cooling in the associated parishes.

Benefit Determination

Effective November 15, 2022, the FY2023 LIHEAP program began. Clients are eligible for one benefit from each regular allocation (Heating, Cooling, Crisis) as described in the Louisiana LIHEAP Service Delivery Guide (effective February 1, 2022) and the FY2023 Louisiana LIHEAP Model Plan. Benefits will be determined using the FY2023 Louisiana Benefit Matrix.

Income Eligibility

All previous LIHEAP income eligibility requirements still apply. This includes the LIHEAP Income Eligibility Limits for FFY2023 – Louisiana released on October 1, 2022 in Notice LHP-2022-01.

Documentation

All previous LIHEAP documentation requirements still apply.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the LHC Energy Assistance Department at E4@lhc.la.gov or Lauren Holmes at lhartley@lhc.la.gov.

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