

## PY 2023 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 2023 LA WAP Program

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant EE0009905
  - The new grant cycle is currently 3-years and runs July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.
  - Second Period Application and Funds: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization funding
  - 12% of total FFY2023 Regular Allocation awarded
  - Funds were reduced due to DOE Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law Funding
  - Program Year: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

### Allocation of PY 2023 Funding

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

Budget Category	PY2023	PY2022	Change
Grantee Administration	\$137,077	\$121,276	+13%
Grantee T&TA	\$178,038	\$197,899	-10%
Subgrantee Administration	\$205,616	\$181,914	+13%
Subgrantee T&TA	\$206,500	\$159,120	+29.8%
Program Operations	\$1,378,767	\$1,026,213	+34.4%
Health & Safety	\$257,337	\$189,694	+35.7%
Weatherization Readiness	\$310,286	\$130,151	+138%
Vehicles & Equipment	\$0	\$0	0%
Liability Insurance	\$12,000	\$9,000	+33%
Financial Audits	\$6,000	\$6,000	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,691,621</b>	<b>\$2,021,267</b>	<b>+33.2%</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Units</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>141</b>	



<b>Subgrantee (City)</b>	<b>Planned Funds/Units</b>	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$224,577.00	15
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	\$473,074.00	35
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$1,031,031.00	87
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$647,824.00	51
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$2,376,506.00</b>	<b>188</b>

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

<b>Budget Category</b>	<b>PY2023</b>	<b>PY2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
Subgrantee Administration	\$508,586	\$514,052	-1.1%
Client Education	\$150,576	\$210,829	-28.6%
Program Operations	\$5,527,796	\$5,877,462	-6%
Health & Safety	\$1,135,500	\$1,081,350	+5%
Incidental Repairs	\$227,100	\$280,350	-19%
Liability Insurance	\$28,100	\$33,100	-15%
Weatherization Readiness (IJA)	\$0	\$1,307,770	-100%
*Incidental Repairs (DOE units)	\$56,400	\$49,350	+14%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,634,058</b>	<b>\$9,354,263</b>	<b>-18.4%</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Units</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>801</b>	

<b>Subgrantee (City)</b>	<b>Planned Funds/Units</b>	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$644,036.00	64
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	\$1,471,112.00	146
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$3,437,163.00	342
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$2,081,747.00	205
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$7,634,058.00</b>	<b>757</b>

	<b>PY2023</b>	<b>PY2022</b>
❖ <b>Total Program Funding</b>	<b>\$10,325,679</b>	<b>\$11,375,530</b>
❖ <b>Total Budgeted Units</b>	<b>945</b>	<b>942</b>



- Budget Points of Interest
  - PY2022 Total Completed Units: **872 as of 6/30/23** (135 DOE; 737 DHHS).
  - DOE budget includes **PY2022 Carryover Funds of \$407,000** that is being carried to PY2023.
  - For PY2023, Louisiana has budgeted 6% for Grantee Administration and 9% for Subgrantee Administration of DOE funds.
  - Health & Safety is budgeted at **\$1369** per unit for DOE funding and **\$1500** per unit for LIHEAP funding.
  - Liability Insurance (DOE) is budgeted at **\$3000** per Subgrantee. Liability Insurance (LIHEAP) is budgeted based on **allocated PY2022 expenditures** of existing Subgrantees.
  - Financial Audits (DOE) is budgeted at **\$1500** per Subgrantee.
  - Incidental Repairs is budgeted at **\$300** per unit. LIHEAP funding supplements any Incidental Repairs on DOE funded units. The per unit amount was reduced by \$50 for PY2023. Average expenditures for PY2020, PY2021, and PY2022 were less than \$300 per unit.
  - LHC did not budget for any Vehicle & Equipment requests to include in the DOE State Plan. Subgrantees may still submit requests to move funds to this line item throughout PY2023 based on their Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) and LHC approval.

### 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.
- 4 Sub-grantees serving 64 parishes for weatherization assistance
- 2023 Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU): **\$8,250** (PY 2022 \$8,009)

### PY2023 Annual File Changes from PY2022

- **Section IV.1** Updated Subgrantees
- **Section IV.4** Updated Program Year from 2022 to 2023
- **Section IV.5** Updated with changes to Policy Advisory Council Members.
- **Section IV.6** Updated with information related to the PY 2023 State Plan Hearing

- **Section IV.7** Updated the Louisiana PY2023 Weatherization Readiness Funding Plan and increased the WRF Average Cost Per Unit from \$6,000 to \$7,000 for PY2023 funding.

**PY2023 Master File Changes from PY2022**

- **Section V.2** Changed from 6 subgrantees to 4 subgrantees.
- **Section V.3** Added:

High Energy Use and High Energy Burden are defined as follows:

<u>Fuel Type</u>	<u>High Use</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>High Burden</u>
Wood	5	Cord	0.00134
Propane	1,093	Gal	0.10776
Oil	780	Gal. #2 oil	0.07331
Natural Gas	1,065	CCF	0.16633
Kerosene	746	Gal	0.05721
Electric	20,997	Kwh	2.5641
Coal	5	Ton Bituminous	0.00116

- **Section V.4** Updated the summary paragraph and the table showing Louisiana 2022 heating-degree days, cooling-degree days, and average monthly temperature.
- **Section V.5.1** Updated from WPN 15-4 to WPN 22-4.
- **Section V.5.2, Comments** Changed language from:

“LHC has partially completed the second condition which is the development of an Audit and Inspection Process Manual. LHC released the Louisiana Energy Audit Procedures Manual - Weatherization Assistant Audits for Site Build Residential Structures (NEAT v.8.9) Release via Memorandum LA WAP 04 on May 25, 2021. LHC is currently making slight modifications to a second manual to accommodate differences with running a MHEA audit.

LHC is currently awaiting for the updated version of the NEAT and MHEA audit tool (version 10) to be migrated to the web and approved for use by DOE. DOE will be provided read-only administrative access to the energy audit tool for the duration of the grant.” To

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LHC and Subgrantees are currently testing the updated version of the NEAT and MHEA audit tool (version 10). LHC plans to resubmit the energy audit processes to DOE for approval no later than February 12, 2024 according to WPN 23-6 dated March 3, 2023.”

- **Section V.5.3** Changed WPN 15-4 to WPN 22-4.
- **Section V.5.3.** Added “If LHC determines that a QCI inspector is not performing to the BPI Standards or has committed fraud, LHC will report the inspector to the Building Performance Institute for possible certification revocation and disallow the individual from continued participation in the LaWAP for a time to be determined based on the severity of action.”
- **Section V.8.1** Removed “LHC is considering redefining 2 Subgrantee geographical territories in the northern and western part of the State beginning in PY2023 with the start of a new program year. With the withdrawal of previous Subgrantees and past procurements, two of the Subgrantees are traveling through each other's territory to complete production. Redefining these 2 geographical territories would allow for decreases in travel costs associated with production and increased outreach opportunities due to locality. LHC plans to evaluate any population changes resulting from the 2020 Census prior to determining whether to proceed to ensure minimal changes to current contracted Subgrantee funding levels.”
- **Section V.8.2** Updated the Program Year from 2022 to 2023.
- **Section V.8.3** Updated both the Fiscal Monitoring Schedule and Technical/Field Monitoring Schedule from Tentative PY 2022 dates to Tentative PY 2023 dates.
- **Section V.8.4** Updated the Program Year from 2022 to 2023 in several places.
- **Section V.8.4** Changed “LHC will review local and industry requirements (i.e. Contractor licenses, Equipment Manufacture Certifications.....” to “Equipment Calibration Certifications”.

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