

## California Department of Community Services & Development

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP stands for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. It may be able to help you pay your energy bill. LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps low-income households pay for heating or cooling in their homes, and many Californians in need may qualify. LIHEAP can offer a one-time payment to help you:

- Pay your heating or cooling bills, even if you use wood, propane or oil.
- In an emergency or energy crisis, such as a utility disconnection.

LIHEAP can also provide in-home weatherization services to improve energy efficiency, reduce heating and cooling costs, and improve health and safety.

Low-income households spend a large share of their income on home energy costs:

- Low-Income Families Spend 22.8% of Income on Home Energy
- Highest Income Families Spend 2.9% of Income on Home Energy
- About 20 million or 1 in 6 U.S. households are in arrears

Source: National Energy Assistance Directors Association Energy Hardship Report, November 2022

## **FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2024**

The LIHEAP Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) provides financial assistance to reduce heating or cooling costs for low-income households.

The LIHEAP Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) provides assistance to low-income households in a crisis such as a utility disconnection or energyrelated emergency. ECIP Heating and Cooling Services (HCS) may help with an emergency repair or replacement of a home heating or cooling system.

The **LIHEAP Weatherization Program** provides services to improve home energy efficiency to reduce energy usage and costs, while improving health and safety. Services include weatherstripping, insulation, caulking, water heater blankets, heating/cooling system repairs, energy-efficient lighting, thermostat repair or replacement, and other measures.

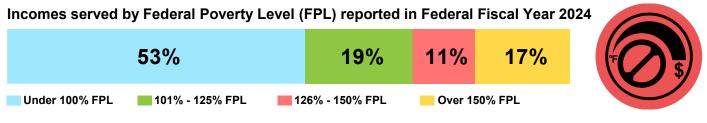
**\$247.1 Million** 2024 Annual LIHEAP Grant Award\*

150,546 Number of Households Served by LIHEAP

64,066 Number of Households Served by ECIP

1,907 Number of Households Served by ECIP Heating & Cooling Services (HCS)

3,960 Number of Households Weatherized by LIHEAP



\*Does not include supplemental funding under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.



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