



# HUMAN SERVICES & WELFARE AND AGRICULTURE & ENERGY COMMITTEES

## ***FEDERAL UPDATE: FY 2011 LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) FUNDING***

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### **LIHEAP Funding in FY 2011 Continuing Resolution**

On December 22, 2010, the President signed into law the latest Continuing Resolution (CR) passed by Congress that will fund government programs through March 4, 2011 (Public Law No: 111-322). While the CR provides funding for most programs at the FY 2010 enacted levels this CR provides additional funds for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by requiring the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to obligate the same amount of funds for LIHEAP as was obligated for this period during the last fiscal year. Estimates are that this amounts to roughly \$4 billion or 80% of the total FY 2010 appropriation. In addition, the CR provides the administration authority to release emergency funds as well (\$590.3 million in emergency fund authority). The provision is aimed at managing the fact that a majority of LIHEAP funds are spent during the cold winter months covered by this CR.

On January 12, 2011 HHS announced the availability of these new funds bringing the total LIHEAP funds made available since October 1, the start of the FY 2011 fiscal year, to \$3.9 billion. A state by state allocation chart is attached but can also be accessed online at:

[http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2011/liheap\\_allocation.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2011/liheap_allocation.html)

The following is the legislative language from the CR concerning LIHEAP.

*Sec. 162.* Notwithstanding section 109, of the funds made available by section 101 for payments under subsections (b) and (d) of section 2602 of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, the Department of Health and Human Services shall obligate the same amount during the period covered by this continuing resolution as was obligated for such purpose during the comparable period during fiscal year 2010.

On September 20, 2010 NCSL joined a broad coalition of organizations in signing onto a letter to congressional leadership urging funding for the LIHEAP program for FY 2011 at the current level of \$5.1 billion. LIHEAP has been funded at its full authorization level of \$5.1 billion for the last two fiscal years. To view a copy of the letter visit: <http://www.ncsl.org/default.aspx?TabId=21355>.

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**FY 2011 CUMULATIVE LIHEAP ALLOCATIONS**  
**UNDER THE CONTINUING RESOLUTIONS<sup>1</sup>**

States	Total Allocated to States
Alabama	51,907,782
Alaska	13,670,291
Arizona	15,393,452
Arkansas	35,332,520
California	118,597,211
Colorado	50,773,152
Connecticut	95,748,548
Delaware	13,501,735
District of Columbia	13,819,852
Florida	98,071,290
Georgia	86,178,083
Hawaii	3,026,113
Idaho	22,785,062
Illinois	229,998,958
Indiana	82,289,815
Iowa	66,967,958
Kansas	41,164,854
Kentucky	57,031,558
Louisiana	46,108,754
Maine	51,680,136
Maryland	76,942,926
Massachusetts	173,294,424
Michigan	183,570,408
Minnesota	142,748,546
Mississippi	39,098,358
Missouri	70,563,330
Montana	25,753,773
Nebraska	39,046,063

States	Total Allocated to States
Nevada	15,646,324
New Hampshire	33,692,487
New Jersey	175,014,987
New Mexico	20,321,726
New York	473,102,148
North Carolina	72,422,187
North Dakota	26,962,899
Ohio	110,181,129
Oklahoma	38,692,262
Oregon	44,090,988
Pennsylvania	267,652,343
Rhode Island	29,217,419
South Carolina	23,364,475
South Dakota	22,186,501
Tennessee	40,786,681
Texas	181,333,046
Utah	28,085,966
Vermont	22,728,347
Virginia	75,707,390
Washington	70,686,688
West Virginia	38,405,309
Wisconsin	128,494,189
Wyoming	12,372,404
<b>Total to States</b>	<b>3,896,212,847</b>
Tribes	48,776,407
Territories	174,713
<b>Total Allocations</b>	<b>3,945,163,967</b>

<sup>1</sup> Source: HHS at [http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2011/liheap\\_allocation.html](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/news/press/2011/liheap_allocation.html)