

Why the transfer of LIHEAP funds to the Weatherization Program is Critical

LIHEAP funds are used on the majority of homes weatherized due to restrictions and limits on the use of Department of Energy (DOE) and Utility funds. LIHEAP funds are more flexible than the other two sources of funds. Eighty (80) percent of the 2,139 homes weatherized in 2005 had some LIHEAP funding.

Restrictions/Limits on DOE and Utility Funds

DOE funds – Limited to an average of \$2,744 per home.

Limited to an average of \$550 per home for health & safety.

Utility funds - Can only be used on homes of investor-owned utility (IOU) customers.

(More than 1/3 of eligible clients are not IOU customers)

Limits on how much can be spent on many measures.

Cannot be used for health & safety measures.

For a client who is an IOU Customer

\$6,528 (Average cost/home – PY05)

- 2,744 (DOE average limit per home – PY05)

3,784

- 2,815 (Average utility expenditure per home – PY05)

\$ 969 (Amount that has to be covered by LIHEAP-Weatherization funds)

For a client who is not an IOU Customer

\$6,528 (Average cost/home – PY05)

- 2,744 (DOE average limit per home – PY05)

\$3,784 (Amount that has to be covered by LIHEAP-Weatherization funds)

Health and Safety Expenditures

\$1,001 (Average health & safety cost per home – PY05)

- 550 (DOE average limit per home – PY05)

\$ 451 (Amount that has to be covered by LIHEAP-Weatherization funds)