

PY 2025 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 2025 LA WAP Program

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant DE-SE0001826
 - The new grant cycle is currently 3-years and runs July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
 - First Period Application and Funds: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization funding
 - 7% of the FFY2025 Regular Allocation 100% awarded
 - **Funds were reduced due to DOE Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law Funding**
 - Program Year: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

Allocation of PY 2025 Funding

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

Budget Category	PY2025	PY2024	Change
Grantee Administration	\$97,281	\$137,077	-29%
Grantee T&TA	\$181,162	\$188,658	-4%
Subgrantee Administration	\$312,610	\$205,616	+52%
Subgrantee T&TA	\$101,460	\$195,880	-48%
Program Operations	\$1,220,798	\$1,316,470	-7%
Health & Safety	\$273,265	\$264,134	+3%
Energy Audit	\$96,500	NEW	+100%
Client Eligibility/Intake	\$117,000	NEW	+100%
Final Inspection	\$64,400	NEW	+100%
Weatherization Readiness	\$246,132	\$433,786	-43%
Vehicles & Equipment	\$0	\$0	0%
Liability Insurance	\$16,000	\$12,000	+33%
Financial Audits	\$6,000	\$6,000	0%
Total	\$2,732,608	\$2,759,621	-1%
Total Budgeted Units	161	177	

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$215,503.00	13
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	\$481,696.00	31
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$1,085,998.00	71
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$670,968.00	46
Total:	\$2,454,165.00	161

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

Budget Category	PY2025	PY2024	Change
Subgrantee Administration	\$308,284	\$315,614	-2.3%
Client Education	\$158,546	\$162,456	-2.4%
Program Operations	\$2,779,147	\$3,188,631	-12.8%
Health & Safety	\$630,700	\$717,750	-12.1%
Energy Audit	\$222,500	NEW	+100%
Client Eligibility/Intake	\$90,000	NEW	+100%
Final Inspection	\$148,400	NEW	+100%
Incidental Repairs	\$83,475	\$130,200	-35.9%
Liability Insurance	\$30,000	\$28,500	+5.3%
*Incidental Repairs (DOE & BIL units)	\$126,225	\$143,100	-11.8%
Total	\$4,577,277	\$4,686,251	-2.3%
Total Budgeted Units	371	434	

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$386,256.00	32
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	\$886,125.00	70
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$2,057,431.00	170
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$1,247,465.00	99
Total:	\$4,577,277.00	371

	<u>PY2025</u>	<u>PY2024</u>
❖ Total Program Funding	\$7,309,885	\$7,445,872
❖ Total Budgeted Units	532	611

- Budget Points of Interest

- PY2024 Total Completed Units: **672 as of 6/30/2025** (208 DOE; 372 DHHS; 92 DOE IJJA).
- DOE budget includes **NO PY2024 Carryover Funds**.
- For PY2025, Louisiana has budgeted 3.56% for Grantee Administration and 11.44% for Subgrantee Administration of DOE funds.
- Health & Safety is budgeted at **\$1,697** per unit for DOE funding and **\$1,700** per unit for LIHEAP funding.
- Energy Audits/Pre-Inspection (NEW Budget Category) is budgeted at **\$500** per completed inspection plus 20% for deferrals.
- Client Eligibility/Intake (NEW Budget Category) is budgeted at a rate of **2 hours @ \$30/hour** for 3,450 applications taken statewide.
- Final Inspection/QCI Inspection (NEW Budget Category) is budgeted at **\$400** per final inspection.
- Liability Insurance (DOE) is budgeted at **\$4,000** per Subgrantee. Liability Insurance (LIHEAP) is budgeted based on **allocated PY2024 expenditures** of existing Subgrantees.
- Financial Audits (DOE) is budgeted at **\$1,500** per Subgrantee.
- Incidental Repairs is budgeted at **\$225** per unit. LIHEAP funding supplements any Incidental Repairs on DOE funded units. Budget is based on average expenditures for all PY2024 incidental repairs.
- 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 PY2025 based on their Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) and LHC approval.
- Under **Budget Explanation – Contract – Subgrantees**, the number of Subgrantees was updated from 6 to **4**. The Basis of Cost was updated to include the new budget categories: **Energy Audit (Pre-Inspection), Client Intake/Eligibility, and Final QCI Inspection**. The following language was updated to comply with new 2 CFR 200 changes: "In accordance with 2 CFR 200.425(a)(2), only those Subgrantees expending more than **\$1,000,000** in total Federal Funding annually will receive FINANCIAL AUDITS funding identified in the Grantee's SF-424a Budget."
- Additional Funding Sources were added to all personnel who did not meet 100% FTE using DOE funds.

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
- 2025 Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU): **\$8,547** (PY 2024 \$8,497)

PY2025 Annual File Changes from PY2024

- **Section IV.1** Updated Subgrantees
- **Section IV.4** Updated Program Year from 2024 to 2025
- **Section IV.5** Updated with changes to Policy Advisory Council Members for new term.
- **Section IV.6** Updated with information related to the PY 2025 State Plan Hearing

PY2025 Master File Changes from PY2024

- **Section V.1.1** Added “Louisiana will use income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level to determine eligibility for both DOE and LIHEAP weatherized homes.”
- **Section V.1.2** Added “Louisiana follows the restrictions for the listed allowable activities and historic preservation in the Louisiana National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) determination.”
- **Section V.1.2** *Deferral Process*: Updated the Louisiana PY2025 Weatherization Readiness Funding year in all places and increased the WRF Average Cost Per Unit from \$11,000 to **\$15,000** for PY2025 funding. Changed the Bi-Partisan Law grant funds name to **Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)**.
- **Section V.1.2** *Deferral Process*: Added “Louisiana expects to expend all funds within the PY2025; however, should any funds remain, funds will be carried over to PY2026 for remaining expenditure.”
- **Section V.4** Updated the summary paragraph and the table showing Louisiana 2024 heating-degree days, cooling-degree days, and average monthly temperature.

- **Section V.5.2, Comments** Modified language: “LHC is submitting for re-approval of Louisiana’s energy audit procedures using the Oak Ridge National Laboratory’s Weatherization Assistant software (WAweb) for manufactured housing units, using Manufactured Home Energy Audit Version (MHEA), and site-built, single family homes, using the National Energy Audit Tool Version (NEAT).

Subgrantees have been and continued to be trained on the new version of the audit tool. LHC plans to resubmit the energy audit processes to DOE for approval no later than July 31, 2025 according to WPN 23-6 dated March 3, 2023.”

- **Section V.5.3** Removed “LHC will continue to offer testing within LHC’s Technical and Training Assistance contract and provide inspectors with an ongoing opportunity for QCI certifications throughout the program year.”
- **Section V.8.1** Removed “The program also continues to advance equity for all, including people of color and others who have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by persistent poverty and inequality.”
- **Section V.8.1** Changed the term “bi-annually” to “semi-annually” in two places not previously corrected.
- **Section V.8.2** Updated the Program Year from 2024 to 2025.
- **Section V.8.3** Modified percentage spent on monitoring activities: “Grantee personnel and travel expenses to conduct monitoring activities will be charged to the Grantee T/TA budget category at an estimated 55% of the total LA T/TA budget.”
- **Section V.8.3** Updated both the Fiscal Monitoring Schedule and Technical/Field Monitoring Schedule from Tentative PY 2024 dates to Tentative PY 2025 dates.
- **Section V.8.3** Changed WPN 20-4 to WPN 24-4.
- **Section V.8.3.** Removed “3. Agencies that do not agree with the decision of the LHC Executive Director may submit an appeal to the DOE’s Project Officer.”
- **Section V.8.4** Removed “Since PY2024, the Louisiana Training Center has earned IREC accreditation for the Energy Auditor Certification.” Modified language “LHC and Subgrantees maintain sufficient T/TA funds to obtain Contract Training for QCI, Energy Auditor, Crew Leader, Retrofit Installer Technician, OSHA, RRP Lead Safe, Building Analyst - Technician and Professional.”
- **Section V.8.4** Modified language from “Comprehensive Training will be available to technical field staff on an annual to bi-annual schedule based upon available funds, existing credentials, and as determined by LHC.” to “Comprehensive Training will be available to technical field staff as-needed based upon existing credentials and as determined by LHC.”
- **Section V.8.4** Modified timing from a minimum of annually to as needed: “Comprehensive training will be available as needed to avoid any potential lapses in recertification and will be monitored by LHC.”

- **Section V.8.4** Removed references to LHC Training Center.

Old: The LHC training center will be utilized for mandatory T/TA activities that are aligned with DOE curricula. Classroom, field T/TA, and hands-on facilitation will meet specific training needs of local agencies, crews and contractors statewide. LHC will track accredited mandatory IREC trainings. Mandatory attendance will be required with penalties assessed for failure to comply.

New: T/TA activities will be aligned with DOE curricula. Field T/TA and hands-on facilitation will meet specific training needs of local agencies, crews and contractors statewide. LHC will track accredited mandatory IREC trainings. Mandatory attendance will be required with penalties assessed for failure to comply.

Old: LHC will provide opportunities for WAP staff to become Building Performance Institute (BPI) Home Energy Professional (HEP) certified annually.

New: LHC will provide funds for WAP staff to become Building Performance Institute (BPI) Home Energy Professional (HEP) certified annually.

Removed: “LHC’s training and BPI accredited testing center has and will continue to establish partnerships with IREC-accredited DOE WAP training centers. LHC staff will ensure the training center remains current and up-to-date on curriculum ensuring efficiency and innovation in administering the WAP grant.”

- **Section V.8.4** Updated percentages of training types.

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