PY 2026 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 2026 LA WAP Program

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant DE-SE0001826
  - The grant cycle is currently 3-years and runs July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
  - Year 2 Application and Funds: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027
  - Includes $2,767,269 New funds and $1,303,478 Year 1 Carryover funds
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization funding
  - 3% of the FFY2026 Regular Allocation 100% awarded
  - **Funds were reduced due to DOE Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funding**
  - Program Year: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027

Allocation of PY 2026 Funding

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

Budget Category	PY2026	PY2025	Change
Grantee Administration	$56,175	$97,281	-42%
Grantee T&TA	$149,045	$181,162	-18%
Subgrantee Administration	$358,915	$312,610	+15%
Subgrantee T&TA	$103,170	$101,460	+2%
Program Operations	$2,221,833	$1,220,798	+82%
Health & Safety	$433,247	$273,265	+59%
Energy Audit	$177,500	$96,500	+84%
Client Eligibility/Intake	$90,000	$117,000	-23%
Final Inspection	$118,400	$64,400	+84%
Weatherization Readiness	$340,462	$246,132	+38%
Vehicles & Equipment	$0	$0	0%
Liability Insurance	$16,000	$16,000	0%
Financial Audits	$6,000	$6,000	0%
Total	**$4,070,747**	**$2,732,608**	**+49%**
Total Budgeted Units	**296**	**161**	

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	$334,668.00	25
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	$752,445.00	58
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	$1,722,228.00	133
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	$1,056,186.00	80
Total:	**$3,865,527.00**	**296**

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

Budget Category	PY2026	PY2025	Change
Subgrantee Administration	$153,789	$308,284	-50.1%
Client Education	$153,789	$158,546	-3.0%
Program Operations	$1,112,807	$2,779,147	-60%
Health & Safety	$220,500	$630,700	-65%
Energy Audit	$88,000	$222,500	-60.4%
Client Eligibility/Intake	$60,000	$90,000	-33.3%
Final Inspection	$58,800	$148,400	-60.4%
Incidental Repairs	$25,725	$83,475	-69.2%
Liability Insurance	$31,500	$30,000	+5%
*Incidental Repairs (DOE & IIJA units)	$111,440	$126,225	-11.8%
Total	**$2,016,350**	**$4,577,277**	**-56%**
Total Budgeted Units	**147**	**371**	

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	$160,501.00	12
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicily Island)	$375,121.00	28
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	$851,513.00	67
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	$517,775.00	40
Total:	**$1,904,910.00**	**147**

	PY2026	PY2025
❖ **Total Program Funding**	**$6,087,097**	**$7,309,885**
❖ **Total Budgeted Units**	**443**	**532**

**Does not include ongoing DOE IIJA units.*

- Budget Points of Interest
  - PY2025 Total Completed Units: **646 as of 6/30/2026** (119 DOE; 249 DHHS; 278 DOE IIJA).
  - DOE budget includes **$1,303,478 PY2025 Carryover Funds**.
  - For PY2026, Louisiana has budgeted 2.03% for Grantee Administration and 12.97% for Subgrantee Administration of DOE funds.
  - Health & Safety is budgeted at **$1,464** per unit for DOE funding and **$1,500** per unit for LIHEAP funding.
  - Energy Audits/Pre-Inspection Budget Category is budgeted at **$500** per completed inspection plus 20% for deferrals.
  - Client Eligibility/Intake Budget Category is budgeted at a rate of **2 hours @ $30/hour** for 2,500 applications taken statewide.
  - Final Inspection/QCI Inspection 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 PY2025 expenditures** of existing Subgrantees.
  - Financial Audits (DOE) is budgeted at **$1,500** per Subgrantee.
  - Incidental Repairs is budgeted at **$140** per unit (DOE & IIJA) and **$175** per unit (LIHEAP). LIHEAP funding supplements any Incidental Repairs on DOE funded units. Budget is based on average expenditures for PY2025 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 PY2026 based on their Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) and LHC approval.
  - Changes to the Grantee Organizational Structure for the program were reflected in the Budget Explanations.

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
- 2026 Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU): **$8,813** (PY 2025 $8,547)

PY2026 Annual File Changes from PY2025

- **Section IV.1** Updated Subgrantees
- **Section IV.4** Updated Program Year from 2025 to 2026
- **Section IV.5** Updated with changes to Policy Advisory Council Members' contact.
- **Section IV.6** Updated with information related to the PY 2026 State Plan Hearing
- **Section IV.7** Updated contact information for the Recipient Business Officer and Recipient Principal Investigator

PY2026 Master File Changes from PY2025

- **Section V.1.1** *Household Eligibility Basis*: Added "Categorical income eligibility is also used for applicants that have met the income requirements of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) means-tested programs through mechanisms including, but not limited to, applicant documentation, interagency list of recipients, shared system databases, etc. This method of verification must be included in the client file. Examples of USDA means-tested programs with income qualifications at or below 80% of Area Median Income include, but are not limited to:

    - Section 521 Rental Assistance
    - Section 502 Direct Home Purchase Program
    - Section 533 Housing Preservation Grant Program
    - Section 504 Home Repair Program

    For USDA assisted multifamily properties, Subgrantees will determine eligibility as follows:

        - Not less than 66 percent (50 percent for duplexes and four-unit buildings, and certain eligible types of large multi-family buildings) of the dwelling units in the building:
            - Are eligible dwelling units, or
            - Will become eligible dwelling units within 180 days under a Federal, State, or local government program for rehabilitating the building or making similar improvements to the building.

    Categorical income eligibility will not apply to LIHTC properties or for properties with USDA guaranteed loans. Standard procedures for verifying individual resident incomes for USDA guaranteed loans and LIHTC properties will be followed."

- **Section V.1.2** *Deferral Process:* Removed all specific Program Year references from the Louisiana Weatherization Readiness Funding Plan**.**
- **Section V.5.1** Updated the website link for the current electronic copy of the Louisiana Weatherization Field Guide.
- **Section V.8.1** Updated the Energy Assistance Manager positions from 2 to 1. Removed the Technical Coordinator/Monitor, Technical/Field Administrator, and Training Coordinator role descriptions. Revised how Louisiana will conduct technical monitoring.
- **Section V.8.2** Removed the specific Program Year references.
- **Section V.8.3** Removed the following positions: Fiscal Manager, Technical Coordinator/Monitor, Training Coordinator, and Technical/Field Administrator. Added description regarding outsourced technical monitoring.
- **Section V.8.3** Modified percentage spent on monitoring activities from 55% to 50%.
- **Section V.8.3** Added that LHC staff/contractor will conduct an on-site Subgrantee compliance monitoring review semi-annually between January-March of the program year and following closure of the program year between July-August and that one of the semi-annual programmatic/fiscal reviews may be conducted remotely depending on production.
- **Section V.8.3** Removed the tables for Fiscal Monitoring Schedule and Technical/Field Monitoring Schedule Tentative Month/Year dates.
- **Section V.8.4** Updated the frequency of a few specific trainings.
- **Section V.8.4** Removed **"**LHC subscribes to the leading weatherization periodicals, including Home Energy and the State and Local Energy Report."
- **Section V.8.4** Updated percentages in Breakdown of T&TA training budget to equal 100%.

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