

PY 2024 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 2024 LA WAP Program

- U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Grant EE0009905
 - The new grant cycle is currently 3-years and runs July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025.
 - Third Period Application and Funds: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025
- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Weatherization funding
 - 7% of total FFY2024 Regular Allocation awarded
 - **Funds were reduced due to DOE Bi-Partisan Infrastructure Law Funding**
 - Program Year: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Allocation of PY 2024 Funding

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

Budget Category	PY2024	PY2023	Change
Grantee Administration	\$137,077	\$137,077	0%
Grantee T&TA	\$188,658	\$178,038	6%
Subgrantee Administration	\$205,616	\$205,616	0%
Subgrantee T&TA	\$195,880	\$206,500	-5.1%
Program Operations	\$1,316,470	\$1,378,767	-4.5%
Health & Safety	\$264,134	\$257,337	+2.6%
Weatherization Readiness	\$433,786	\$310,286	+39.8%
Vehicles & Equipment	\$0	\$0	0%
Liability Insurance	\$12,000	\$12,000	0%
Financial Audits	\$6,000	\$6,000	0%
Total	\$2,759,621	\$2,691,621	+2.5%
Total Budgeted Units	177	188	



Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$228,333.00	15
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicity Island)	\$483,228.00	34
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$1,058,821.00	79
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$663,504.00	49
Total:	\$2,433,886.00	177

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

Budget Category	PY2024	PY2023	Change
Subgrantee Administration	\$315,614	\$508,586	-37.9%
Client Education	\$162,456	\$150,576	+7.9%
Program Operations	\$3,188,631	\$5,527,796	-42.3%
Health & Safety	\$717,750	\$1,135,500	-36.8%
Incidental Repairs	\$130,200	\$227,100	-42.7%
Liability Insurance	\$28,500	\$28,100	+1.4%
*Incidental Repairs (DOE & BIL units)	\$143,100	\$56,400	+154%
Total	\$4,686,251	\$7,634,058	-38.6%
Total Budgeted Units	434	757	

Subgrantee (City)	Planned Funds/Units	
DeSoto Parish Police Jury/OCS (Mansfield)	\$395,839.00	37
LaSalle Community Action Assn., Inc. (Sicity Island)	\$905,755.00	83
Quad Area Community Action Agency, Inc. (Hammond)	\$2,106,849.00	196
St. Mary Community Action Agency (Franklin)	\$1,277,808.00	118
Total:	\$4,686,251.00	434

	PY2024	PY2023
❖ Total Program Funding	\$7,445,872	\$10,325,679
❖ Total Budgeted Units	611	945



- Budget Points of Interest
 - PY2023 Total Completed Units: **594 as of 3/31/2024** (131 DOE; 463 DHHS).
 - DOE budget includes anticipated **PY2023 Carryover Funds of \$475,000**.
 - For PY2024, Louisiana has budgeted 6% for Grantee Administration and 9% for Subgrantee Administration of DOE funds.
 - Health & Safety is budgeted at **\$1492** per unit for DOE funding and **\$1,645** per unit for LIHEAP funding.
 - Liability Insurance (DOE) is budgeted at **\$3000** per Subgrantee. Liability Insurance (LIHEAP) is budgeted based on **allocated PY2023 expenditures** of existing Subgrantees.
 - Financial Audits (DOE) is budgeted at **\$1500** per Subgrantee.
 - Incidental Repairs is budgeted at **\$300** per unit. LIHEAP funding supplements any Incidental Repairs on DOE funded units. Average expenditures for PY2021, PY2022, and PY2023 were less than \$300 per unit.
 - 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 PY2024 based on their Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU) and LHC approval.
 - Under **Budget Explanation – Contract – Subgrantees**, the following language was required to be added: "In accordance with 2 CFR 200.425(a)(2), only those Subgrantees expending more than \$750k in total Federal Funding annually will receive FINANCIAL AUDITS funding identified in the Grantee's SF-424a Budget."

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
- 2024 Average Cost Per Unit (ACPU): **\$8,497** (PY 2023 \$8,250)

PY2024 Annual File Changes from PY2023

- **Section IV.1** Updated Subgrantees
- **Section IV.4** Updated Program Year from 2023 to 2024



- **Section IV.5** Updated with changes to Policy Advisory Council Members.
- **Section IV.6** Updated with information related to the PY 2024 State Plan Hearing
- **Section IV.7** Moved Louisiana PY2024 Weatherization Readiness Funding Plan to Master File.

PY2024 Master File Changes from PY2023

- **Section V.1.2** *Deferral Process*: Added the Louisiana PY2024 Weatherization Readiness Funding Plan and increased the WRF Average Cost Per Unit from \$7,000 to \$11,000 for PY2024 funding.
- **Section V.4** Updated the summary paragraph and the table showing Louisiana 2023 heating-degree days, cooling-degree days, and average monthly temperature.
- **Section V.5.2, Comments** Modified language: “Louisiana’s WAweb site was launched on 3/1/2024 by ORNL. Subgrantees are currently being trained on the new version of the NEAT and MHEA audit tool. LHC plans to resubmit the energy audit processes to DOE for approval no later than May 15, 2024 according to WPN 23-6 dated March 3, 2023.”
- **Section V.8.1** Changed Energy Assistance Manager to Energy Assistance Programmatic and Fiscal Managers.
- **Section V.8.2** Updated the Program Year from 2023 to 2024.
- **Section V.8.3** Modified language to specify a 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 35% 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 2023 dates to Tentative PY 2024 dates.
- **Section V.8.3** Changed compliance ratings from Good Compliance, Minimal Compliance, and Non-Compliance to Good Standing, Watch List, and Probation.
- **Section V.8.3** Changed the word bi-annually to semi-annually. LHC currently conducts 2 monitoring reviews a year.
- **Section V.8.4** Updated the Program Year from 2023 to 2024 in several places.
- **Section V.8.4** Updated the following language: “For PY2024, the Louisiana Training Center has earned IREC accreditation for the Energy Auditor Certification. LHC has partnered with Everblue (via RFP) to provide onsite training opportunities while LHC builds internal curriculum for additional courses: QCI, Crew Leader, and Retrofit Installer Technician. LHC is currently certified to offer CEUs in Building Science Principles, WAWeb Energy Audit Tool, etc. Outside trainers may be brought in for LHC staff training. Contract Training may also include OSHA, RRP Lead Safe, Building Analyst and IDL.”

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