

2.9.5 Weatherization Program Facts

- PY 2010 weatherization funding breakdown: DOE 18.3%, LIHEAP 59.6%, others 22.1%.(1)
- The Federal Government's outlay for fuel subsidies runs from \$4.0 to 4.4 billion per year. The major two agencies dispensing fuel subsidies are HUD and HHS (through LIHEAP).
- In 2006, HUD spent over \$1.43 billion annually to pay all or part of the total utility bills (including water/sewer) for 1.2 million low-income units. Utilities (including water) made up approximately 23% of public housing authorities' expenditures. In addition, HUD estimates tenant expenditures on utilities (excluding water) at about \$421 million in 2007.
- LIHEAP spends 85% of its funding on direct fuel subsidies and weatherization. Up to 15% can be spent for weatherization activities and the remainder is spent on fuel subsidies. A maximum of 25% of funding is available for weatherization activities if HHS approves a waiver. LIHEAP weatherization funding has ranged from 8-19% of total LIHEAP funds. In FY 2008, LIHEAP weatherization funding was 10% of total LIHEAP funds.

Note(s): 1) Program year is Apr. 1 - Mar. 31.

Source(s): National Association for State Community Services, Weatherization Assistance Program Funding Survey PY 2010 for spending; HUD, Implementing HUD's Energy Strategy, Dec. 2008, Table B-2, p. 9 and Table B-5, p. 11 for public housing utility costs and HUD spending; DHHS, LIHEAP Report to Congress for Fiscal Year 2008, Sept. 2011, Table I-7, 16 for LIHEAP weatherized households and cost splits.