

LIHEAP and Utility Assistance Funding Status: Regular & Pandemic-Related Funding March 15, 2021

Released Funds

\$900 million for LIHEAP (CARES Act)

- Released May 8, 2020
- Available through September 30, 2021
- More info: <https://neada.org/covidresources/> (must be logged in to NEADA website)

\$3.7 Billion of Regular FY 21 LIHEAP Appropriation

- Released November 6, 2020
- 99% of total appropriation (\$3.75 billion total)
- Subject to regular LIHEAP carryover rules
- More info: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/policy-guidance/liheap-dcl-2021-04-second-funding-release-fy-2021>

\$25 Billion Rental and Utility Assistance Program (Consolidated Approp. Act of 2021)

- Released: late January, on hold pending additional guidance from Treasury
- New program created as part of COVID-19 emergency response
- Limited to rental households, state determines how much to set aside for utility bills
- Administered by Department of Treasury, state administration varies
- **Eligibility requirements for utility assistance do not match LIHEAP**
- Available through December 31, 2021
- More info: <https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/cares/emergency-rental-assistance-program>

Appropriated Funds Pending Release

\$4.5 Billion Additional for LIHEAP (ARP)

- Passed: March 2021
- In addition to funds already appropriated for LIHEAP
- Funds would be available through September 30, 2022
- More info: <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319eh.pdf#page=194>

\$20.25 Billion Additional for Rental Assistance Program (ARP)

- Passed: March 2021
- In addition to funding for rental assistance program described above, for a total of \$45 billion
- Funds would be available through September 30, 2027
- More info: <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319eh.pdf#page=206>

Appropriated Funds Pending Release (Continued)

\$1.1 Billion Water Assistance Program (Consolidated Approps. Act and ARP)

- Passed in December 2020 (\$638 million) and March 2021 (\$500 million).
- New program created as part of COVID-19 emergency response
- Administered by HHS, may go through LIHEAP network or CSBG
- Funds available until expended
- More info: <https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-116HR133SA-RCP-116-68.pdf#page=1104>
- <https://neada.org/hhs-announces-water-assistance-program/>

\$9.96 Billion Homeowner Assistance Fund (ARP)

- Passed: March 2021
- Administered by Treasury to complement rental assistance program
- Limited to owner-occupied households, state determines how much can go towards utility bills
- Funds available through September 30, 2025*
- More info: <https://www.congress.gov/117/bills/hr1319/BILLS-117hr1319eh.pdf#page=235>

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