

FY 18 Appropriations Update: House/Senate Approve Level Funding for LIHEAP

Both the House and the Senate have rejected the Administration's proposal to zero out LIHEAP. The next step will be convince the Administration to release 90% of the funds quickly as they have for the last several years. This will be NEADA's top priority until the funds are released.

House Action

July 18: The full House Appropriations Committee provided level funding of \$3.39 billion for LIHEAP for FY 2018, the same level as provided in FY 2017. See below Committee report and bill language. Note: same formula as used in FY 2017.

Report Language, page 86: <https://appropriations.house.gov/uploadedfiles/23920.pdf>

The Committee recommends \$3,390,304,000 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which is the same as the fiscal year 2017 enacted level and \$3,390,304,000 above the fiscal year 2018 budget request. Within the amount available for formula grants, the Committee recommends up to \$2,988,000 for technical assistance, training, and monitoring of program activities.

Bill Language, page 68: <http://docs.house.gov/meetings/AP/AP07/20170713/106250/BILLS-115HR-SC-AP-FY2018-LaborHHS-LaborHHSFY2018.pdf>

For making payments under subsections (b) and (d) of section 2602 of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981, \$3,390,304,000: Provided, That all but \$491,000,000 of this amount shall be allocated as though the total appropriation for such payments for fiscal year 2018 was less than \$1,975,000,000:

Provided further, that notwithstanding section 2609A(a), of the amounts appropriated under section 2602(b), not more than \$2,988,000 of such amounts may be reserved by the Secretary for technical assistance, training, and monitoring of program activities for compliance with internal controls, policies and procedures and may, in addition to the authorities provided in section 2609A(a)(1), use such funds through contracts with private entities that do not qualify as nonprofit organizations.

September 7, 2017: The Senate Appropriations Committee today reported out the FY 2018 appropriations bill provided level funding for LIHEAP of \$3.39 billion, the same level as provided in the House.

The following is the Senate Majority press release:

<https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/090717-FY18-LABOR-HHS-Committee-Markup-Web1.pdf>

The following is the Senate Minority press release:

LIHEAP: https://www.appropriations.senate.gov/news/minority/summary_fy2018-labor-hhs-appropriations-bill-clears-subcommittee.