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April 21, 2023

The Honorable Ken Weyler, Chairman  
Fiscal Committee of the General Court  
and  
His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu,  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

**REQUESTED ACTION**

- 1) Pursuant to RSA 14:30-a, VI, authorize the Department of Energy to accept and expend additional Federal Funds in the amount of \$4,232,260 from the United States Department of Health and Human Services as part of the Low-Income Fuel Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Consolidated Appropriations Act Disaster Supplemental Release, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Executive Council approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**
- 2) Pursuant to RSA 124:15 and contingent upon approval of Requested Action #1, authorize the Department of Energy, Division of Policy and Programs, to create one temporary full-time Program Specialist II (LG 21) position, to assist the state's Fuel Assistance Program Manager, effective upon Fiscal Committee and Governor and Council approval through June 30, 2023. **100% Federal Funds**

Funding to be budgeted as follows:

**02-52-52-520010-33540000 FY2023 Fuel Assistance Program**

Class/Account	Description	FY2023 Current Budget	Requested Action	FY2023 Revised Budget
000/403713	Federal Funds	\$77,830,937	\$4,232,260	\$82,063,197
001/404948	Transfers from Other Agency	\$41,098	\$0	\$41,098
007/406216	Agency Income	\$2,341	\$0	\$2,341
	<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$77,874,376</b>	<b>\$4,232,260</b>	<b>\$82,106,636</b>
010/500100	Personal Services Non-Class	\$144,266	\$0	\$144,266
017/500147	FT Employees Special Payment	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
020/500200	Current Expenses	\$2,523	\$250	\$2,773
026/500251	Organizational Dues	\$9,417	\$0	\$9,417
030/500301	Equipment New/Replacement	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
037/500173	Technology - Hardware	\$0	\$2,000	\$2,000
038/500175	Technology - Software	\$0	\$500	\$500

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039/500180	Telecommunications	\$2,400	\$0	\$2,400
040/501587	Indirect Costs	\$23,800	\$6,477	\$30,277
041/500801	Audit Fund Set Aside	\$77,831	\$4,233	\$82,064
050/500109	Personal Service Temp	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000
059/500117	Temp Full Time	\$0	\$51,909	\$51,909
060/500601	Benefits	\$93,723	\$46,020	\$139,743
070/500704	In State Travel	\$4,555	\$0	\$4,555
074/500587	Grants for Pub Assistance and Rel	\$77,312,886	\$4,117,871	\$81,430,757
080/500710	Out of State Travel	\$17,700	\$0	\$17,700
102/500731	Contracts for Program Services	\$165,275	\$0	\$165,275
	<b>Total Appropriation</b>	<b>\$77,874,376</b>	<b>\$4,232,260</b>	<b>\$82,106,636</b>

**EXPLANATION**

The Department of Energy receives an annual LIHEAP grant from the US Department of Health and Human Services – Administration for Children and Families. On March 16, 2023, the Department received an additional LIHEAP grant award from the Consolidated Appropriations Act Disaster Supplemental Funds in the amount of \$4,232,260 to be spent in FY23 and FY24. This is a special disaster relief award that is not in the Departments’ current biennial budget.

Funds are requested for the following purposes:

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| Class 020 – Current Expenses                     | Add current expenses for the new position’s supplies   |
| Class 030 – Equipment New/Replacement            | Cubicle for the new position                           |
| Class 037 – Technology – Hardware                | New position’s computer hardware                       |
| Class 038 – Technology - Software                | New position’s software                                |
| Class 040 – Indirect Costs                       | Add the required 10% Department indirect costs.        |
| Class 041 – Audit Fund Set Aside                 | For additional .1% audit fund set aside requirements.  |
| Class 059 – Temp Full Time                       | New position's salary                                  |
| Class 060 - Benefits                             | New position's benefits                                |
| Class 074 – Grants for Public Assistance and Rel | For additional Community Action Agency contract funds. |

**The following information is provided in accordance with the Comptroller’s instructional memorandum dated September 21, 1981.**

- 1) List of personnel involved:** One Program Specialist II position.
- 2) Nature, Need, and Duration:** The position will help assist the program manager in managing these additional LIHEAP funds and the resulting contract amendments with the Community Action Agencies.

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**3) Relationship to existing agency programs:** These funds and the new position will be used to supplement the current LIHEAP funding.

**4) Has a similar program been requested of the legislature and denied?** No

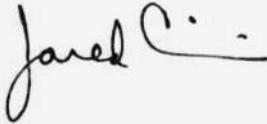
**5) Why wasn't funding included in the agency's budget request?** These additional funds were not anticipated during the formulation of the FY23 budget.

**6) Can portions of the grant funds be utilized?** Yes

**7) Estimate the funds required to continue this position(s):** Approximately \$98,000 annually.

In the event Federal Funds become no longer available, General Funds will not be requested to support this program.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jared Chicoine  
Commissioner

**Department of Energy**  
Fiscal Situation  
Fuel Assistance Program

Funding Information:

<u>Federal Grant #</u>	<u>Granting Agency</u>	<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
Grant # 2301NHLIEA	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2022 – 09-30-2024	\$25,544,996
Grant # 2301NHLIEE	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2022 – 09-30-2024	\$7,626,349
Grant # 2301NHLIEI	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2022 – 09-30-2024	\$762,261
Grant # 2301NHLIEE	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2022 – 09-30-2024	\$7,657,621
Grant # 2201NHLIEA	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2021 – 09-30-2023	\$28,374,832
Grant # 2101NHLIEA	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2020 – 09-30-2022	\$7,908,317 (remaining)
Grant # 2301NHLIXX	US Dept. of Health and Human Services	10-01-2022 – 09-30-2024	<u>\$4,232,260</u>

<b>Total Grant Funds Awarded:</b>	<b>\$82,106,636</b>
<b>Total Amount Budgeted:</b>	<b><u>\$77,874,376</u></b>
<b>Amount Available to Budget:</b>	<b>\$4,232,260</b>

**REQUESTED ACTION:**

**\$4,232,260**

**Amounts from 03/24/2023 FIS 23-099 and 03/29/2023 Statement of Appropriation**

<b>Total Grant Funds Awarded:</b>	<b>\$82,106,636</b>
Less SFY 2023 expenses	(\$25,917,887)
Less SFY 2023 encumbrances	
02-52-52-520010-33540000	(\$34,544,149)
<b>Amount Available to obligate:</b>	<b>\$21,644,600</b>



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**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program  
Dear Colleague Letter**

**DCL#:** LIHEAP-DCL-2023-05

**DATE:** March 16, 2023

**TO:** Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grant Recipients

**SUBJECT:** FFY 2023 Third Supplemental Block Grant Funding Release for LIHEAP

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. Third Supplemental Block Grant Release of LIHEAP Funds to States and Territories for FFY 2023
2. Third Supplemental Block Grant Release of LIHEAP Funds to Indian Tribes and Tribal Organizations for FFY 2023

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Dear Colleagues,

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance (DEA), is releasing over \$560 million in funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2023. Congress appropriated these funds under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Public Law 117-328), which provided the final budget for FFY 2023 and which the President signed into law on December 29, 2022.

Congress appropriated these funds in two allocations under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. The first consisted of \$4 billion of regular block grant funds, of which \$1.5 billion came from the main appropriation, and \$2.5 billion came from the Disaster Relief Appropriation Act, 2023. The legislation directed HHS to account for these two sources as one amount for regular block grant funds accounting purposes. HHS needed to make accounting adjustments to the grant award system for the regular block grant funding.

The second appropriation under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 also consisted of \$1 billion in supplemental disaster funds; these funds were released on February 22, 2023.

As the regular block grant funds released in the fall, under the Continuing Resolution, exceeded the \$1.5 billion (officially referred to as regular funding) that the final appropriation allocated to LIHEAP, HHS had to perform accounting adjustments to establish the appropriate Common Accounting Numbers (CANs), for each source of FY 2023 LIHEAP funding, and reconcile those

amounts to avoid the appearance of exceeding the obligation amount for any particular source. As a result, ACF's Office of Grants Management had to de-obligate each grant recipient's CR funding accordingly and subsequently obligate \$2.5 billion in Disaster Supplemental funds from the CAA into a new CAN. The funds are now available again and normal financial activities can commence.

As of today, OCS has allocated 99.75 percent of the total LIHEAP funds available to LIHEAP grant recipients across all sources of funding for FFY 2023. To summarize, those sources of funding include the:

- \$1.5 billion of regular block grant funding from the final appropriation (grant number ending in "LIEA"; CAN: G992201);
- \$2.5 billion of disaster funding that is being treated as regular funding under the final appropriation (grant number ending in "LIEA"; CAN: G993134);
- \$1 billion of supplemental funding from the Continuing Resolution (grant number ending in "LIEE"; CAN: G991606);
- The \$100 million of Infrastructure supplemental funding (grant number ending in "LIEI"; CAN: G992605); and,
- \$1 billion in disaster supplemental funding from the final appropriation (grant number ending in "LIEE"; CAN: G993135);

At this point, the only FFY 2023 funding being reserved by HHS is 15 million, which is 1 percent of the \$1.5 billion available as regular block grant funding under the final appropriation. Consistent with past practice at this stage in the fiscal year, this 1 percent is being held in the event it may later be needed for a Secretary's transfer.

Recipients must obligate 90 percent of their total FY 2023 award, including the funds released today, by September 30, 2023, and may carryover the remaining 10 percent to obligate in FY 2024. Recipients may use these funds for any purpose normally authorized under the federal LIHEAP statute (42 USC 8621 et seq.), including heating, cooling, crisis, weatherization assistance, case management for the reduction of home energy burden, and administrative costs. LIHEAP can also be used to help with immediate and temporary home energy needs caused by natural disasters.

For further details about today's funding release, see the attached tables that show the release amounts for states and territories, and to tribes and tribal organizations.

Please contact your federal LIHEAP liaison if you have any questions or need any assistance.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. OCS looks forward to continuing to provide high-quality services to OCS grant recipients.

/s/

Dr. Lanique Howard

Director

Office of Community Services

FY 2023 Release, to States and Territories, of \$560 Million of Non-Supplemental LIHEAP Block Grant Funds Plus Releases of (1) Initial \$3.4 Billion of Non-Supplemental Funds; (2) \$1 Billion of Continuing Resolution Supplemental Funds; (3) \$100 Million of LIHEAP Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Funds; and (4) \$1 Billion of Consolidated Appropriations Act Disaster Supplemental Funds

STATE/TERRITORY	Continuing Resolution Release-- Sec. 101 of Div. A of Pub. L. 117-103 (Nov. 3, 2022)	Continuing Resolution Supplemental Release--Sec. 146 of Div. A of Pub. L. 117-103 (Nov. 3, 2022)	Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act Release--Pub. L. 117-58 (Nov. 3, 2022)	Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) Disaster Supplemental Release--Div. N of Pub. L. 117-328 (Feb. 22, 2023)	CAA Non-Supplemental Release--Div. H & Div. N of Pub. L. 117-328 (Mar. 16, 2023) <sup>1</sup>	Total Amount Released
Alabama	\$55,332,379	\$11,771,004	\$1,345,813	\$15,144,389	\$6,978,281	\$90,571,866
Alaska	\$10,355,083	\$3,091,464	\$308,998	\$3,104,141	\$1,715,614	\$18,575,300
Arizona	\$26,911,006	\$14,858,529	\$1,320,857	\$9,701,285	\$6,153,963	\$58,945,640
Arkansas	\$30,471,323	\$8,322,209	\$817,377	\$8,053,214	\$5,003,543	\$52,667,666
California	\$203,733,499	\$67,961,013	\$5,708,050	\$46,826,188	\$43,252,762	\$367,481,512
Colorado	\$52,895,353	\$9,705,240	\$1,475,370	\$17,619,913	\$5,877,261	\$87,573,137
Connecticut	\$64,800,258	\$19,593,676	\$1,959,367	\$19,616,985	\$10,671,971	\$116,642,257
Delaware	\$12,007,505	\$3,271,552	\$327,156	\$3,275,228	\$1,928,264	\$20,809,705
District of Columbia	\$10,477,947	\$3,128,146	\$312,661	\$3,140,974	\$1,735,971	\$18,795,699
Florida	\$92,229,910	\$50,923,428	\$4,526,870	\$33,248,426	\$21,090,978	\$202,019,612
Georgia	\$72,933,326	\$40,269,096	\$3,579,748	\$22,726,746	\$16,678,270	\$156,187,186
Hawaii	\$5,323,713	\$2,368,007	\$169,390	\$1,053,771	\$2,467,303	\$11,382,184
Idaho	\$19,194,663	\$5,730,484	\$572,768	\$5,753,981	\$3,180,146	\$34,432,042
Illinois	\$156,606,194	\$46,645,147	\$4,919,140	\$51,817,306	\$23,439,198	\$283,426,985
Indiana	\$70,896,978	\$21,002,429	\$2,225,383	\$23,546,339	\$10,503,159	\$128,174,288
Iowa	\$50,249,890	\$9,276,040	\$927,296	\$11,014,588	\$7,043,041	\$78,510,855
Kansas	\$33,457,270	\$9,368,837	\$936,883	\$9,389,124	\$5,395,499	\$58,547,613
Kentucky	\$50,728,942	\$13,983,072	\$1,434,455	\$14,715,286	\$7,859,343	\$88,721,098
Louisiana	\$50,191,925	\$12,800,569	\$1,280,056	\$12,823,680	\$7,932,208	\$85,028,438
Maine	\$35,313,709	\$6,518,847	\$651,669	\$6,531,152	\$4,949,580	\$53,964,957
Maryland	\$69,995,712	\$19,019,166	\$1,901,917	\$19,058,521	\$11,211,702	\$121,187,018
Massachusetts	\$118,454,258	\$36,825,747	\$3,691,085	\$37,036,158	\$19,574,628	\$215,581,876
Michigan	\$147,711,592	\$45,049,936	\$4,668,039	\$48,410,213	\$22,902,894	\$268,742,674
Minnesota	\$107,112,399	\$19,772,759	\$1,976,620	\$19,810,087	\$15,012,911	\$163,684,776
Mississippi	\$32,776,984	\$8,855,165	\$885,516	\$8,866,485	\$5,251,837	\$56,635,987
Missouri	\$73,801,507	\$21,811,585	\$2,205,329	\$22,315,202	\$11,881,788	\$132,015,411
Montana	\$19,526,017	\$5,829,407	\$582,656	\$5,853,313	\$3,235,043	\$35,026,436
Nebraska	\$29,617,730	\$8,847,081	\$884,274	\$8,883,363	\$4,907,908	\$53,140,356
Nevada	\$13,241,631	\$7,311,179	\$649,932	\$4,773,542	\$3,028,075	\$29,004,359
New Hampshire	\$25,544,996	\$7,626,349	\$762,261	\$7,657,621	\$4,232,260	\$45,823,487
New Jersey	\$114,452,734	\$35,333,593	\$3,521,692	\$35,196,880	\$18,983,318	\$207,488,217
New Mexico	\$18,609,916	\$4,704,647	\$517,756	\$5,650,489	\$2,530,368	\$32,013,176
New York	\$342,866,235	\$63,292,500	\$6,327,148	\$98,376,398	\$48,056,240	\$558,918,521
North Carolina	\$97,465,575	\$25,336,246	\$2,532,826	\$25,387,039	\$15,448,643	\$166,170,329
North Dakota	\$19,535,385	\$5,832,206	\$582,934	\$5,856,120	\$3,236,595	\$35,043,240

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Ohio	\$139,675,291	\$44,153,397	\$4,415,340	\$44,226,631	\$23,237,706	\$255,708,365
Oklahoma	\$37,605,646	\$6,965,255	\$927,575	\$11,093,287	\$4,178,405	\$60,770,168
Oregon	\$35,481,832	\$11,829,861	\$1,119,358	\$10,614,269	\$6,501,496	\$65,546,816
Pennsylvania	\$184,275,068	\$38,343,587	\$5,534,564	\$59,688,594	\$25,822,259	\$313,664,072
Rhode Island	\$22,177,080	\$6,620,872	\$661,764	\$6,648,020	\$3,674,269	\$39,782,005
South Carolina	\$46,286,814	\$11,858,231	\$1,148,054	\$11,138,239	\$7,636,077	\$78,067,415
South Dakota	\$17,617,693	\$5,259,687	\$525,712	\$5,281,253	\$2,918,876	\$31,603,221
Tennessee	\$64,873,441	\$15,620,086	\$1,705,222	\$18,484,337	\$8,905,398	\$109,588,484
Texas	\$153,463,869	\$84,732,886	\$7,532,384	\$55,322,964	\$35,093,856	\$336,145,959
Utah	\$23,697,988	\$7,074,935	\$707,146	\$7,103,942	\$3,926,251	\$42,510,262
Vermont	\$19,146,884	\$5,716,220	\$571,341	\$5,739,662	\$3,172,229	\$34,346,336
Virginia	\$89,297,625	\$23,979,674	\$2,397,967	\$24,032,438	\$14,261,779	\$153,969,483
Washington	\$56,459,063	\$16,446,973	\$1,736,829	\$18,296,511	\$8,423,448	\$101,362,824
West Virginia	\$29,118,168	\$8,693,103	\$868,884	\$8,728,752	\$4,824,257	\$52,233,164
Wisconsin	\$96,416,540	\$17,798,322	\$1,779,242	\$22,679,359	\$13,513,774	\$152,187,237
Wyoming	\$9,155,656	\$2,732,963	\$273,197	\$2,744,816	\$1,516,568	\$16,423,200
<b>Total to States</b>	<b>\$3,359,572,202</b>	<b>\$983,862,407</b>	<b>\$98,393,871</b>	<b>\$984,057,221</b>	<b>\$550,957,213</b>	<b>\$5,976,842,914</b>
<b>Total to Tribes</b>	<b>\$38,649,543</b>	<b>\$11,135,165</b>	<b>\$1,106,129</b>	<b>\$10,932,078</b>	<b>\$6,358,763</b>	<b>\$68,181,678</b>
<b>Total to States and Tribes</b>	<b>\$3,398,221,745</b>	<b>\$994,997,572</b>	<b>\$99,500,000</b>	<b>\$994,989,299</b>	<b>\$557,315,976</b>	<b>\$6,045,024,592</b>
<b>Territories</b>						
American Samoa	\$282,523	\$82,753	\$8,271	\$82,891	\$46,050	\$502,488
Guam	\$619,420	\$181,432	\$18,136	\$181,732	\$100,966	\$1,101,686
Northern Mariana Islands	\$215,141	\$63,016	\$6,298	\$63,121	\$35,068	\$382,644
Puerto Rico	\$15,375,668	\$4,503,662	\$450,147	\$4,511,108	\$2,506,240	\$27,346,825
Virgin Islands	\$585,730	\$171,565	\$17,148	\$171,849	\$95,473	\$1,041,765
<b>Total to Territories</b>	<b>\$17,078,482</b>	<b>\$5,002,428</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$5,010,701</b>	<b>\$2,783,797</b>	<b>\$30,375,408</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$3,415,300,227</b>	<b>\$1,000,000,000</b>	<b>\$100,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000,000</b>	<b>\$560,099,773</b>	<b>\$6,075,400,000</b>

DEA/PE 21-Feb-23

<sup>1</sup> Assumes a transfer of \$15 million, as authorized by Section 205 of Division H of Pub. L. 117-328.