

LIHEAP PLAN ANNOUNCEMENT

Public Invited to Comment on Proposed LIHEAP Block Grant Plan

Public comment is sought on the proposed LIHEAP Block Grant Plan, which outlines how an estimated \$103 million in federal LIHEAP block grant funds will be spent in North Carolina in the coming state fiscal year.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides heating, crisis, and weatherization assistance. States are given broad latitude under block grant funding to design and operate their own programs, under certain restrictions. Last year 181,253 North Carolina households were assisted using funds from this grant. This year's block grant amount is an estimated \$103 million. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services will finalize the plan after the General Assembly approves allocation of the funds for State Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Use of the funds for allowable services may vary each year, depending on the plan approved by the legislature.

The written plan may be reviewed from June 25-29, 2018 at the following locations:

- Any of the 100 county departments of social services,
- Online at <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/press-releases>
- The N.C. Division of Social Services Central Office, Hargrove Building, Dorothea Dix Campus, 820 S. Boylan Ave., Raleigh, NC, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, June 29, 2018, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 820 S. Boylan Ave., McBryde Building 1st Floor Conference Room 151, Dix Campus, Raleigh, NC.

Written comments will be accepted in writing no later than Friday June 29, 2018 through

- Any agency where the plan was displayed
- Mail, postmarked, no later than June 29, 2018 to:
Wayne Black, Director
LIHEAP Plan Comments
DHHS N.C. Division of Social Services
2420 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2420