

LIHEAP Program Duration: Heating, Cooling, and Crisis

STATE	FY	HEATING	COOLING	CRISIS	Comment
Alabama	2019	10/01 - 05/31	6/01 - 9/30	year-round	Crisis Heating Assistance-10/1/2018-5/31/2019 Crisis Cooling Assistance-6/1/2019-9/30/2019
Alaska	2019	10/01 - 04/30		11/01 - 04/30	
American Samoa	2019		year-round	year-round	
Arizona	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	Arizona has identified date ranges for heating and cooling, and has assigned a date range to each county for FFY 2019. 1)HEATING (November 1-March 31) and COOLING (April 1-October 21) for counties: Coconino, Yavapai, Navajo, Apache, Greenlee, Graham, Cochise, and Santa Cruz. 2)HEATING (December 1-March 31) and COOLING (April 1-November 30) for counties: Mojave, La Paz, Yuma, Maricopa, Gila, Pinal, and Pima.
Arkansas	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	
California	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	
Colorado	2019	11/01 - 04/30		year-round	The year round Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) allows for the repair or replacement of inoperable primary fuel heating systems. The State contracts with Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC), a local non-profit agency, to manage this program. EOC coordinates with local weatherization agencies, which has provided the opportunity to repair and/or replace inoperable systems prior to the start of the cold weather season ensuring the health and safety of vulnerable households.
Connecticut	2019	11/15 - 03/15		11/15 - 03/15	
D.C.	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	
Delaware	2019	10/01 - 04/30	05/01 - 08/31	year-round	Heating assistance application process is 1 July - 31 march, Cooling (Air Conditioning) assistance application process is 1 April - 15 August. Crisis assistance application process is ongoing but dependent on the weather conditions.
Florida	2019	10/01 - 03/31	04/01 - 09/30	year-round	Florida operates a year-round heating, cooling and crisis assistance program.

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Georgia	2019	11/01 - 05/31	06/01 - 09/31 (opt.)	11/01 - 05/31	The contract to the Community Action Agencies for the LIHEAP program is from October 1, 2018 until September 30, 2019. The Heating and Crisis assistance is seasonal from November 1, 2017 until May 31, 2018. A cooling program is offered June 1, 2019 until September 31, 2019 only if or when funds are available. The weatherization program is operated from October 1, 2018 until September 30, 2019.
Hawaii	2019	03/01 - 09/30	03/01 - 09/30	year-round	Heating and Cooling assistance period will begin March 2019. Preparations begin for the start of the application period beginning May 1, 2019. Program start up to include hiring, training and educating employees. Scheduling outreach appointments and sites. Also to prepare offices for the start of the application period.
Idaho	2019	10/01 - 06/30		year-round	
Illinois	2019	10/1 - 5/31		10/1 - 5/31	The heating assistance program is scheduled to start October 1, 2018 beginning with a priority for seniors and disabled applicants utilizing 2019 HHS funds. The Weatherization program started July 1, 2018 utilizing 2018 HHS funding. Due to funding availability, a cooling program will not be offered in FFY19. In the event contingency funds are released by HHS, the Department will set aside a portion of the funding and may administer a summer cooling program.
Indiana	2019	10/01 - 05/17	06/03 - 08/23	11/01 - 08/23	Indiana is committed to its Weatherization services for low-income individuals and will allocate up to the maximum funding allowed for program administration using the same program dates listed above. Additionally, since Indiana experiences more cold weather months, funds will be set aside for Crisis Assistance through the end of Moratorium, or March 15 of each year. However, Crisis Assistance, if funds are available will be offered year round. Additionally, if funds are available, a Summer Cooling program will be administered beginning in June.
Iowa	2019	10/1 - 4/30		year-round	Households containing an elderly or disabled member are allowed to apply on October 1st, while all other households must wait until November 1st.
Kansas	2019	01/17 - 03/29		01/17 - 03/29	
Kentucky	2019	11/05 - 12/14		01/07 - 03-29	*Cooling assistance is offered only when the state receive emergency cooling funds, or it is determined that weather climate dictates that a cooling program is necessary for the health and safety of the citizens of the commonwealth.
Louisiana	2019	10/01 - 03/31	04/01 - 09/30	year-round	

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Maine	2019	10/1 - 7/15		11/01 - 04/30	Heating Assistance: For FFY 2019, Subgrantees will begin taking applications on August 27, 2018 and will continue taking applications through July 15, 2019. Weatherization Assistance Component: End date 09/30/2019 unless MaineHousing extends beyond 09/30/2019.
Maryland	2019	11/1 - 5/31	06/01 - 08/30	11/01 - 05/31	Customers do not apply separately for crisis assistance in Maryland and there are no separate fuel benefits provided. Crisis assistance is provided as expedited assistance as defined by Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 07.03.21.10. Crisis assistance funds are also provided to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development through and Inter-Agency Agreement for emergency heating and/or cooling system repair and replacement.
Massachusetts	2019	11/1 - 4/30		11/1 - 4/30	An application received on April 30th must be completed by the applicant no later than May 31st. If April 30th falls on a weekend, the last business day in April will serve as the final date to apply for fuel assistance. After consideration of the circumstances, which may include a particularly inclement winter, increases in fuel prices, lower than expected application numbers, an extension of the statewide moratorium, etc., DHCD may extend the application date from the end of April into the month of May. DHCD will continue its research into a 2 year certification process for those reapplying households whose members are either elderly, disabled or both and have income from only fixed income sources. A subcommittee comprised of DHCD and LAA members will consider the impacts of such a policy and the feasibility under the current program guidelines and constraints. DHCD will explore increasing the program's online presence which may include online appointment booking, prescreening tools, online application, and/or other related resources.
Michigan	2019	1/1 - 9/30		year-round	

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Minnesota	2019	10/1-5/31		10/1 - 6/30	Energy Related Repair (ERR) Crisis assistance Start date: 10/01/2017 or when funds are available, whichever is later. End date: 06/30/2018 When a date of operation falls on a weekend or holiday the effective date will be the first business day following the listed date with the exception of 09/30. The last date of operation for the Federal Fiscal year is 09/30 or the last business in September if 09/30 is on a weekend. Applications must be received or postmarked by 05/31; heating assistance payments must be obligated by July 15. Crisis assistance will begin on 10/01 or when funding is available, whichever is later. Emergency (Crisis) benefits and Energy Related Repair (ERR) benefits may be approved through 06/30, if funding is available. Funding for Weatherization Assistance will be available to the Weatherization Assistance Program in the Minnesota Department of Commerce (Commerce) after receipt of 100% of the expected regular LIHEAP federal allocation and the approval of the EAPWX State Annual Plan.
Mississippi	2019	10/1 - 4/30	5/1 - 9/30	year-round	
Missouri		11/01 - 03/31		11/01 - 09/30	
Montana	2019	10/01 - 04/30		year-round	
Nebraska	2019	10/01 - 03/31	06/01 - 08/31	year-round	Nebraska currently provides a year round crisis program. Nebraska contracts with the Nebraska Energy Office (NEO) administer the weatherization program, this is a separate contract. The availability of the cooling program and the variables used to determine eligible households will depend on the funding received for the current fiscal year LIHEAP funds. For heating and cooling eligible households, an extra payment may be made in the form of a supplemental payment or an increase in the regular season's payment during the current energy year. These payments may be made to either a provider or to the household. Supplemental payments will be an option for circumstances which include excess/additional funding, high energy, or extreme weather.
Nevada	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	Nevada has a combined year-round heating and cooling program.
New Hampshire	2019	year-round		year-round	
New Jersey	2019	10/01 - 08/31	10/01 - 08/31	10/01 - 08/31	Program end dates are contingent upon availability of funds. The application process for cooling is the same as the LIHEAP heating season, however, the first week in May is the start date for issuing cooling benefits.
New Mexico	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	

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New York	2019	11/13 - 3/15	5/1 - 8/30	1/2 - 3/15	<p>The Heating Assistance component may be extended beyond the proposed 3/15/2018 closing date if New York State receives additional funding. This Plan is based on an assumption of flat Federal funding. The Cooling Assistance component will run until 8/30/2019 or until funding allocated to this component is exhausted, whichever comes first. The Crisis Assistance component may be extended beyond the proposed 3/15/2019 closing date if New York State receives additional funding. This Plan is based on an assumption of flat Federal funding. New York State will operate a Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement component from 11/05/2018 until 9/30/2019 or until funding allocated to this component is exhausted, whichever comes first.</p> <p>New York State will operate a Clean and Tune Program under the Heating Assistance component from 04/01/2019 and to close on 11/01/2019 or until funding allocated to this program is exhausted, whichever comes first. Weatherization assistance in New York State is administered by the New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). Income Guidelines, maximum income eligibility for the New York State Home Energy Assistance Program is set at the higher of 60% of State Median Income or 150% of the Federal Poverty Level.</p>
North Carolina	2019	12/1 - 3/31		year-round	
North Dakota	2019	10/1 - 5/31	year-round	year-round	<p>North Dakota's regular heating season program runs from 10/1/18 - 5/31/19. Applications for North Dakota's emergency (year-round crisis) program are accepted from 10/1/18 - 9/30/19. The North Dakota State LIHEAP does not routinely include a cooling program. However, the State reserves the option to implement a temporary cooling program in the event of unusual cooling needs due to weather aberrations, contingent upon available funding.</p>
Ohio	2019	year-round		11/1- 3/31	<p>The Winter Crisis program dates are indicated above. The Summer Crisis program dates are 07/01/2019 - 08/31/2019.</p>
Oklahoma	2019	11/06 - 02/15	06/18 - 08/30	year-round	<p>Weatherization is managed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and subcontracted to Community Action agencies throughout the state. DHS offer heating assistance, cooling assistance, and ECAP during Open Enrollment period on the dates above. Application are accepted until allocated funding is encumbered. End dates above are estimates. DHS accept application for ECAP assistance year round from households with a household member that has a medical condition and would become life threatening without the use of the utility. Our Open Enrollment period for ECAP will begin in March 19th, 2019.</p>

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Oregon	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	
Pennsylvania	2019	11/01 - 04/12		11/01 - 04/12	
Puerto Rico	2019		04/01-09/30	04/01-09/30	
Rhode Island	2019	year-round		year-round	
South Carolina	2019	10/01 - 04/30	5/1 - 9/30	year-round	South Carolina will operate the LIHEAP program based on the calendar year, January 1 - December 31, 2019. Therefore, heating assistance will also be provided 10/01/2019 - 12/31/2019.
South Dakota	2019	year-round		year-round	
Tennessee	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	We are transitioning to the Federal Fiscal Year and will begin running the program on the federal fiscal year starting 10/1/19. We run a year round program as long as funding is available. FY19 funds will be allocated to subgrantees on 1/3/2019 and will be in contracts through 9/30/19. THDA reserves the reallocate LIHEAP funds as needed to ensure that funds can be utilized before the end of the obligation period. THDA reserves the ability to increase client benefit amount across fuel types, as needed, in order to reduce the energy burden for LIHEAP Households.
Texas	2019	year-round	year-round	year-round	
Utah	2019	10/1 - 4/30		year-round	Applications for the households with members of a target group (elderly, disabled, children under 6 years of age) will be processed beginning October 1 of each year. The program will open to the general public on November 1 of each year.

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Vermont	2019	year-round		11/26 - 4/30	<p>Applications for heating assistance are processed year-round by the Vermont Department for Children and Families (DCF), Economic Services Division (ESD). Applications for winter crisis assistance are processed by Vermont's five Community Action Agencies under grant agreements with ESD, beginning the last Monday in November up to and including the last business day in April, or until crisis funds are exhausted, whichever occurs first. Vermont also operates a year-round, limited-funded, crisis fuel tank replacement program for fuel tanks that have been "red-tagged," or are at imminent risk of failure. The crisis tank replacement program is operated under an interagency agreement with the Department of Environmental Conservation and a second smaller agreement is in place with the DCF Office of Economic Opportunity.</p> <p>Weatherization assistance operates year round and is conducted by the the DCF Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO), Weatherization Program. OEO also operates a year round furnance repair and replacement program which operates under the crisis section of the state model plan.</p>
Virginia	2019	10/09 - 11/09	6/15 - 8/15	11/01 - 3/15	
Washington	2019	10/01 - 06/30		10/01 - 06/30	
West Virginia	2019	10/01 - 03/31	04/01 - 09/30	year-round	<p>If funding permits, crisis assistance (which includes our Emergency Repair and Replacement program) will run the entire length of the program with an end date no earlier than 3/31/19. We will do a cooling program if there are funds left to do a cooling program. The funds would be used for regular heating assistace and crisis assistance before cooling assistance. We may also request a waiver in March to increase the amount of Weatherization.</p>
Wisconsin	2019	10/01 - 05/15		year-round	
Wyoming	2019	10/01 - 05/31		10/01 - 04/15	<p>Applications for heating assistance are accepted through 02/28/2019; Crisis assistance is available through 04/15/2019; applications for Weatherization assistance are accepted year round. Wyoming is a cold weather state with very few months of hot weather. Because of limited funding and long winters, Wyoming does not provide Cooling assistance. Season begin and end dates are: Heating assistance regulated utilities (seasonal benefit) November 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019; Crisis assistance (Special Situations) October 1, 2018 - April 15, 2019; Weatherization assistance (LIEAP WAP) October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019; Unregulated deliverable fuels heating assistance (seasonal benefit) October 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019.</p>