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WISCONSIN PUBLIC BENEFITS HOME ENERGY PLUS PROGRAMS

ANNUAL REPORT

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Participating Utilities

Adams-Columbia Electric Cooperative
Algoma Utility Commission
Alliant Energy
Arcadia, City of
Argyle Municipal Utilities
Bangor Municipal Utility
Barron Electric Cooperative
Barron Light & Water Utility
Belmont Municipal Light and Water Utility
Benton Municipal Utilities
Black River Falls Municipal Electric & Water
Bloomer Electric Utility
Boscobel Utilities
Brodhead Water and Light Commission
Cadott Light and Water Department
Cashton Municipal Light and Water
Centuria Municipal Electric Utility
Chippewa Valley Electric Cooperative
Clark Electric Cooperative
Clintonville Utilities
Consolidated Water Power Company
Cornell Municipal Electric Utility
Cuba City Electric & Water Utility
Cumberland Municipal Electric Utility
Dahlberg Light & Power Company
East Central Energy Cooperative
Eau Claire Electric Cooperative
Elkhorn, City of
Elroy Electric and Water
Evansville Water & Light
Fennimore Water & Light
Florence Utilities
Gresham Water & Electric Utility
Jefferson Utilities
Jump River Electric Cooperative
Juneau Utilities
Kaukauna Utilities
La Farge Municipal Utilities
Lake Mills Light & Water
Madison Gas & Electric
Manitowoc Public Utilities
Marshfield Electric and Water Department
Menasha Electric & Water Utilities
Merrillan, Village of
Muscoda Utilities

New Glarus Utilities
New Holstein Utilities
New Lisbon Municipal Electric & Water Department
New London Utilities
New Richmond Municipal Electric Utility
North Central Power Company, Inc.
Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company
Oakdale Electric Cooperative
Oconto Electric Cooperative
Oconto Falls Water and Light Commission
Pardeeville Public Utilities
Pioneer Power & Light Company
Polk-Burnett Electric Cooperative
Prairie du Sac, Village of
Price Electric Cooperative
Princeton Municipal Utility
Reedsburg Utility Commission
Rice Lake Municipal Water and Electric Utility
Richland Center Electric Utility
Richland Electric Cooperative
Scenic Rivers Electric Cooperative
Shawano Municipal Utilities
Shullsburg Electric Utility
Spooner Municipal Utilities
Stoughton Utilities
Stratford Water and Electric Utility
Sturgeon Bay Utilities
Sun Prairie Utilities
Superior Water Light & Power Company
Taylor Electric Cooperative
Trempealeau Municipal Electric Utility
Two Rivers Water & Light Utility
Vernon Electric Cooperative
Viola Municipal Utility
Waterloo Utilities
Waupun Utilities
We Energies
Westby Electric Utility
Westfield Electric
Whitehall Electric Utility
Wisconsin Public Service Corporation
Wisconsin Rapids Waterworks and Light
Wonewoc Municipal Water and Light Department
Xcel Energy

The Low Income Public Benefits Program

Wisconsin's Public Benefits Program was created by the Wisconsin State Legislature in 1999 as part of the Reliability 2000 Initiative. In fiscal year 2016, the Low-Income Public Benefits Program was administered by the Department of Administration's Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources.

The Low-Income Public Benefits Fund is funded by electric and natural gas utility ratepayers. Wisconsin's investor-owned utilities were required by law to participate. Municipal electric utilities and electric cooperatives have the option of participating in the state program or operating their own "Commitment to Community" programs. Revenue for the Low-Income Public Benefits Fund comes from three sources:

1. Funds investor-owned utilities collected through rates established by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin, which include fees added to electric bills participating utilities collected and remitted to the state.
2. Funds contributed by participating municipal electric utilities and cooperatives.
3. Voluntary donations.

Households with income at or below 60 percent of Wisconsin's State Median Income (SMI) may be eligible for Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) or Weatherization Services.

In fiscal year 2016, 228,147 households applied for energy assistance. The Low-Income Public Benefits Fund through Home Energy Plus provided assistance to 201,033 households with limited incomes throughout Wisconsin. The ultimate goal of all low-income energy programs is to make the households' energy self-sufficient—that is, to provide services that help households meet energy costs on an ongoing basis without sacrificing other necessities. The programs were delivered to eligible households through county health and



human service agencies, community-action agencies, tribal governments, and other nonprofit organizations.

Home Energy Plus Programs received significant financial contributions from the federal government through the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) block grant and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP). As a result of 1999 Wisconsin Act 9, these programs also received state public benefits money. Public benefits funding was continued under 2005 Wisconsin Act 141. The Public Benefits Fund has allowed the state to increase the number of households that receive energy conservation and weatherization services, and to increase electric and emergency benefit payments. By integrating these funds with the federal LIHEAP and WAP, Wisconsin has developed a comprehensive assistance program that addresses "whole-house" energy needs.



Public Benefits Programs 2016 Financial Highlights

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

REVENUES

Home Energy Plus	\$104,986,984
Public Service Commission:	
Administration Revenue	\$419,002
Reverse Prior Year Prepaid Revenue.....	(\$1,491,768)
Lapse to General Fund	\$ -
Total Funding.....	\$103,914,219

EXPENSES

Home Energy Plus	\$92,831,835
Public Service Commission	\$425,304
Agency 445 (DWD TANF)	\$9,139,700
Total Expenses	\$102,396,839

BALANCES

Beginning Fund Balance.....	\$10,047,976
Current Year Revenues.....	\$103,914,219
Current Year Expense	\$102,396,839
Total Fund Balance	\$11,565,356
Fund Balance	\$11,565,356
Less:	
Weatherization Commitments.....	\$(5,692,922)
WHEAP Commitments	\$(8,285,281)
Agency 155 Expense (PSC) Commitments.....	\$(-)
Plus:	
Accounts Receivable of FY15 Fees.....	\$8,369,733
*Uncommitted Fund Balance	\$5,956,886

A Detailed Financial Report Is Available Upon Request



Program Highlights

Electric Bill Assistance

Electric assistance is a one-time, annual payment intended to pay a portion of a household's electricity costs. The amount of the benefit is dependent on the household's income, size of the household, and electric costs incurred by the household. The energy used by electric appliances in a home is referred to as baseload energy use. Typically, baseload energy encompasses lighting, refrigeration, laundry appliances, and electronics. Water heating and cooking may also be considered baseload energy.

Crisis Assistance

Crisis assistance is available to eligible households that were subject to disconnection of their utility service, or a fuel emergency. Crisis assistance was provided through both emergency services and proactive services. During the heating season (October 1 through May 15), emergency services helped customers by purchasing heating fuel, supplying a warm place to stay, and/or providing for emergency heating system repair or replacement. Proactive services helped residents avoid future emergencies by establishing co-payment plans between the customer, fuel supplier, and WHEAP agency. Training and information on how to reduce fuel costs, budget counseling and money management, or taking other needs-based actions helped residents more effectively manage their energy bills.

Heating Bill Assistance

Heating assistance is a one-time, annual payment intended to pay a portion of a household's heating costs. The amount of the benefit is dependent on household income, size of the household, and heating costs incurred by the household. The benefit covers a percentage of a recipient's household annual heating bill.¹ In most cases, the heating assistance benefit is applied directly to the household's bill with the fuel supplier. Heating assistance is funded through the LIHEAP federal funds.

¹ In FY16, heating assistance paid on average 41% of an annual heating bill.

Home Energy Plus Statistics: Fiscal Year 2016

Electric Assistance (Public Benefits)

- Provided assistance to 201,033 households
- Average payment: \$191

Crisis Assistance (Public Benefits)

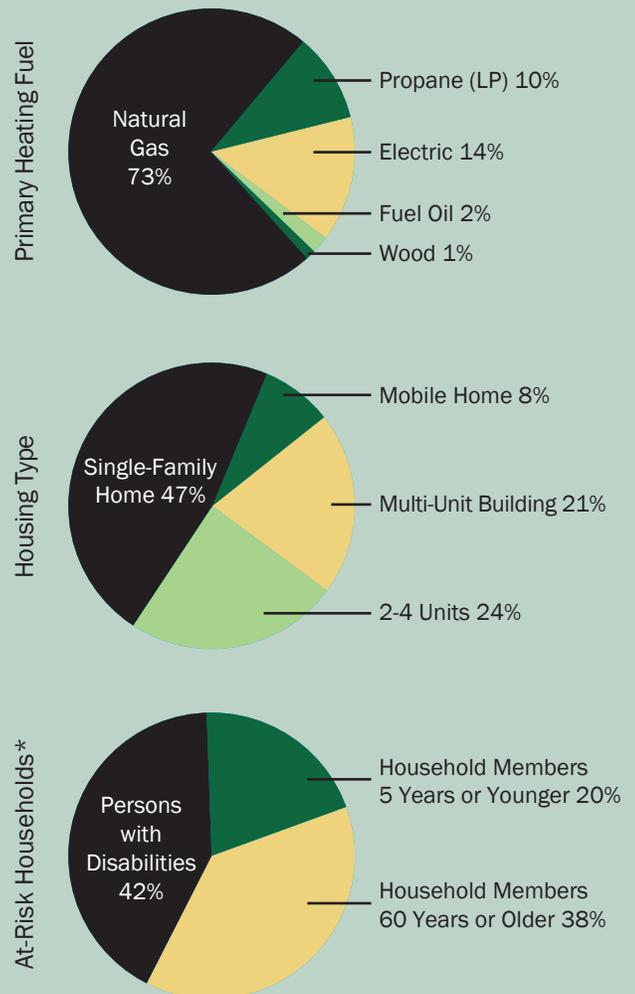
- Provided assistance to 16,462 households
- Average payment: \$239

Heating Bill Assistance (LIHEAP)

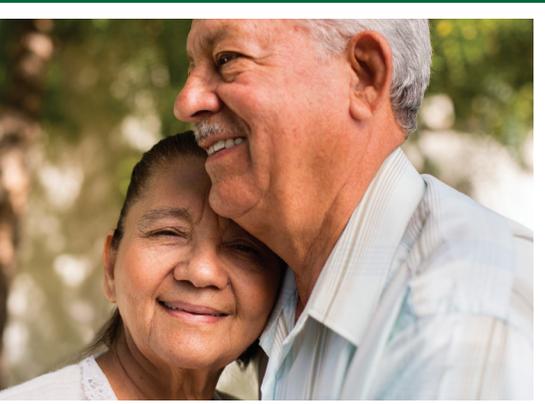
- Provided assistance to 199,191 households
- Average payment: \$341

Crisis Assistance (LIHEAP)

- Provided assistance to 38,851 households
- Average payment: \$318



*Some households may be counted more than once when there is more than one household member in an at-risk category.



Home Energy Plus is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Administration's Division of Energy, Housing and Community Resources through a network of county agencies, tribal governments, community-based organizations and utilities. Home Energy Plus consists of the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program, which provides heating and electric assistance to eligible households, and the Weatherization Assistance Program, which offers energy efficiency improvements to help eligible customers save energy and money.



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