

FY 2006 Appropriations Status

Since full year funding for FY06 was not approved as of September 30, 2005, the end of the federal fiscal year, the Congress passed a continuing resolution providing for the lesser of the House or Senate spending level through November 18, 2005.

In FY05, Congress provided \$2.18 billion for LIHEAP (\$1.88 billion in regular grant authority and \$297.6 million in emergency funds). No funds were provided for advance funding.

FY06 Key Actions (as of November 15, 2005)

- The President's Budget request for FY06 would reduce regular grant funding from FY05 levels by \$88 million to \$1.8 billion and emergency fund authority by \$97.6 million to \$200 million, thus reducing total spending by \$186 million.
- The House passed FY06 Labor, HHS, and Education appropriations bill would increase regular grant funding by \$206 million to \$2.08 billion, but would provide no emergency fund authority, thus reducing total spending by about \$180 million.
- The Senate passed FY06 Labor, HHS, Education appropriations bill would provide \$1.88 billion in grant funds and \$300 million in emergency funds, about the same level of funding as was provided in FY 05.
- The House/Senate Conference on Labor, HHS, Educations appropriations agreed to provide \$2.183 billion, about the same level as provided in FY 2005. However, the Conference would increase funding for the regular grant portion of the bill from \$1.88 billion to \$2.0 billion and reduce the emergency funds portion from \$297 million to \$183 million.
- The House Reconciliation bill, but not the Senate Reconciliation bill, provides \$1 billion for LIHEAP that would be allocated through the regular program grant formula.

The National Energy Assistance Directors' Association (NEADA) has called upon the Congress to increase FY 2006 LIHEAP funding to \$5.1 billion to address rising number of families requesting assistance and increasing energy prices. This is the same level of funding as was authorized by the Energy Policy Act.

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