

LIHEAP FY27 Benefit Matrix

Cooling Assistance Benefit Scoring System

The level of benefits will be determined by the following point scale:

- 1) Income level – percent the applicant household’s gross income is of maximum income limits established by the State for that size household.

<u>Percent of maximum income limits</u>	<u>Points</u>
51-100% of 150% Federal Poverty Guidelines	1
0-50% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	2

- 2) Household size – the number of persons in the applicant household.

<u>Persons</u>	<u>Points</u>
1 to 2	1
3 to 5	2
6 or more	3

- 3) Vulnerability – applicant household consisting of one or more of the following types of individuals: a child age five and under, disabled adult, or an adult age 60 and over.

<u>Points</u>
1

- 4) Energy burden 30% or greater.

<u>Points</u>
1

6.2 Benefit Amount

Benefits will be paid based on point tally as follows:

2 – 3 Points:	\$300
4 - 5 Points:	\$400
6 – 7 Points:	\$500

* Payment amounts are subject to change according to increases or reduction of federal appropriations.

150 Percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for 50 states and the District of Columbia

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The tables below show the calculations for the FPG for optional use in federal Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) LIHEAP and mandatory use in FY27 LIHEAP.

Select Percentages of FPG for All States except Alaska and Hawaii and for the District of Columbia:

Size of Household	150 Percent of FPG
1	\$23,940
2	\$32,460
3	\$40,980
4	\$49,500
5	\$58,020
6	\$66,540
7	\$75,060
8	\$83,580
9	\$92,100
10	\$100,620
11	\$109,140
12	\$117,660

For households in the District of Columbia or in any state except Alaska and Hawaii at 100 percent of FPG with more than 12 members, add \$5,680 for each additional member. For households at 110 percent of FPG with more than 12 members, add \$6,248 for each additional member. For households at 150 percent of FPG with more than 12 members, add \$8,520 for each additional member.