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**Table III-4. Estimated average and range of LIHEAP fuel assistance benefit levels, by type of LIHEAP assistance, FY 2015<sup>1</sup>**

<b>Type of assistance</b>	<b>Average household benefit</b>	<b>Household benefit range</b>
Heating <sup>2</sup>	\$311	\$77–\$1,024
Cooling	292	76–712
Winter crisis	385	190–663
Year-round crisis <sup>3</sup>	369	186–1,650
Summer crisis	327	182–467

<sup>1</sup> These data are current as of August 23, 2016. States were not asked to estimate household average benefits for weatherization assistance because estimates would not be comparable to estimated household average benefits for other types of LIHEAP assistance due to the relatively larger role of labor and other support costs involved in weatherization and wide variations in how states define low-cost weatherization. In addition, state-reported household average benefits are not comparable to calculations of the amount of obligated funds per household due to states obligating funds in one federal fiscal year but expending them in the next federal fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> Average household benefits do not include funds used for nominal SNAP heating assistance as grantees were required to break out obligations and households assisted with nominal LIHEAP benefits for FY 2015.

<sup>3</sup> The estimated average household benefit and household benefit range for year-round crisis assistance excludes South Carolina, which provided emergency furnace and air conditioner repair and replacement services (in addition to fuel crisis bill payment assistance) to households receiving year-round crisis assistance in FY 2015. As such, South Carolina’s reported average household benefit for year-round crisis assistance is not comparable to other states providing year-round crisis assistance for bill payment assistance only.

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**Supplemental Table III-5. Estimated household average benefits for fuel assistance, by type of assistance and by state, FY 2015<sup>1</sup>**

(Table III-5 with detailed footnotes)

State	Heating assistance <sup>2</sup>	Cooling assistance <sup>3</sup>	Winter crisis assistance <sup>4</sup>	Year-round crisis assistance <sup>4</sup>	Summer crisis assistance
Alabama	\$319	\$307	\$342	\$0	\$312
Alaska <sup>4</sup>	1,024	0	--	0	0
Arizona	524	406	0	482	0
Arkansas	147	76	405	0	443
California <sup>3 5 6</sup>	318	--	0	480	0
Colorado <sup>5</sup>	581	0	581	0	0
Connecticut <sup>7</sup>	479	0	324	0	0
Delaware <sup>5</sup>	470	277	0	757	0
Dist. of Col. <sup>5</sup>	827	712	0	374	0
Florida	390	381	374	0	363
Georgia	338	0	343	0	0
Hawaii <sup>3</sup>	629	--	0	329	0
Idaho <sup>5</sup>	263	0	0	232	0
Illinois <sup>5</sup>	513	0	447	0	0
Indiana	287	147	194	0	0
Iowa <sup>5</sup>	447	0	0	292	0
Kansas	558	0	558	0	0
Kentucky	140	0	229	0	0
Louisiana	364	364	0	327	0
Maine <sup>5</sup>	682	0	330	0	0
Maryland <sup>4 5</sup>	518	0	0	--	0
Massachusetts <sup>4</sup>	691	0	--	0	0
Michigan <sup>5 8</sup>	135	0	443	0	0
Minnesota <sup>5</sup>	518	0	383	0	0
Mississippi <sup>5</sup>	444	443	465	0	467
Missouri <sup>5</sup>	268	0	348	0	197
Montana <sup>5</sup>	490	0	0	1,650	0
Nebraska <sup>5 9</sup>	418	466	0	250	0
Nevada <sup>3 10</sup>	330	--	0	394	0
New Hampshire	663	0	663	0	0
New Jersey <sup>5</sup>	297	200	384	0	0
New Mexico	194	182	190	186	182
New York <sup>5</sup>	457	699	431	0	0
North Carolina <sup>5</sup>	281	0	0	252	0

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State	Heating assistance <sup>2</sup>	Cooling assistance <sup>3</sup>	Winter crisis assistance <sup>4</sup>	Year-round crisis assistance <sup>4</sup>	Summer crisis assistance
North Dakota <sup>5</sup>	759	0	0	217	0
Ohio	316	0	287	0	323
Oklahoma	77	172	0	240	0
Oregon <sup>5</sup>	342	0	0	367	0
Pennsylvania <sup>5</sup>	243	0	377	0	0
Rhode Island <sup>5</sup>	840	0	500	0	0
South Carolina <sup>11</sup>	517	523	422	NA	450
South Dakota <sup>5</sup>	959	0	302	0	0
Tennessee	450	450	0	450	0
Texas <sup>5</sup>	672	598	0	518	0
Utah <sup>5</sup>	387	0	0	389	0
Vermont	510	0	342	0	0
Virginia	343	185	378	0	0
Washington <sup>5 12</sup>	395	0	395	0	0
West Virginia <sup>5</sup>	226	0	226	0	0
Wisconsin <sup>5 13</sup>	266	0	0	298	0
Wyoming <sup>5</sup>	581	0	344	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Household average benefits were gathered from state estimates reported on the *LIHEAP Performance Data Form for FY 2015 - Grantee Survey Section*, as described in Appendix A of this report. These data are current as of August 23, 2016. States were not asked to estimate household average benefits for weatherization assistance because estimates would not be comparable to estimated household average benefits for other types of LIHEAP assistance due to the relatively larger role of labor and other support costs involved in weatherization and wide variations in how states define low-cost weatherization. In addition, average benefits are not comparable to calculations of the amount of obligated funds per household due to states obligating funds in one federal fiscal year but expending them in the next federal fiscal year.

<sup>2</sup> Average benefits do not include funds used to provide nominal benefits to SNAP households or households assisted with these benefits as grantees were required to break out these obligations and households for FY 2015.

<sup>3</sup> A designation of "--" indicates for cooling assistance that combined heating and cooling assistance was provided (California, Nevada), or energy assistance was provided with no differentiation made between heating and cooling assistance (Hawaii). These states reported these funds under heating assistance.

<sup>4</sup> A designation of "--" indicates for winter crisis assistance or year-round crisis assistance that these states did not prove a separate count because they provided households in winter or year-round crisis assistance with expedited heating assistance (Alaska, Maryland, Massachusetts).

<sup>5</sup> The following states provided emergency heating/cooling repairs or replacements to households as part of their energy crisis benefits. The average household benefits are as follows: California (\$2,020), Colorado (\$3,300), Delaware (\$5,216), District of Columbia (not specified), Idaho (\$2,208), Illinois (\$1,943), Iowa (\$810), Maine (\$301), Maryland (\$4,138), Michigan (\$2,241), Minnesota (\$1,254), Mississippi (not specified), Missouri ([furnace repair/replacement – \$491] and [air conditioner repair/replacement – \$247]), Montana (not specified), Nebraska (\$651), New Jersey ([furnace repair – \$578] and [furnace restart – \$77]), New York (\$2,086), North Carolina (\$5,289), North Dakota (\$1,432), Oregon (\$2,231), Pennsylvania (\$2,315), Rhode Island (\$3,500), South Carolina ([A/C, blankets, throws – \$469]), South Dakota (\$1,308), Texas (not specified), Utah (\$7,454), Washington ([emergency furnace repair/replacement – \$1,514] and [other emergency repairs – \$112]), West Virginia (\$1,272), Wisconsin (\$3,595), and Wyoming ([furnace repair/replacement – \$1,782] and [operational furnace replacement to prevent heat loss emergency – \$3,704]).

<sup>6</sup> California's average household benefits exclude \$114,720 obligated to 51 households that received service through the state's Severe Weather Energy Assistance and Transportation (SWEATS).

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<sup>7</sup> Connecticut's values exclude an average of \$603 for households that received Safety Net Benefits as part of Connecticut's other crisis assistance.

<sup>8</sup> Michigan's values exclude an average benefit of \$845 for the Michigan Energy Assistance Program.

<sup>9</sup> Nebraska's values exclude an average benefit of \$212 for deposit assistance.

<sup>10</sup> Nevada's values exclude an average benefit of \$243 for its crisis intervention program.

<sup>11</sup> South Carolina's reported average household benefit for year-round crisis assistance (\$3,875) is excluded (indicated as "NA" or Not Applicable) because the state provided emergency furnace and air conditioner repair and replacement services (in addition to fuel crisis bill payment assistance) to households receiving year-round crisis assistance in FY 2015. As such, South Carolina's reported average household benefit for year-round crisis assistance is not comparable to other states providing year-round crisis assistance for bill payment assistance only.

<sup>12</sup> Washington's values exclude an average benefit of \$638 for its Temporary Shelter Assistance program.

<sup>13</sup> Wisconsin's year-round crisis average household benefit excludes the average benefit (not specified) for households that received assistance through the Keep WI Warm Fund.