

State of Texas FY 2026 LIHEAP State Plan

Attachment 3 **QUESTION #2.6 AND #3.6 BENEFIT LEVELS**

2.6 Describe estimated benefit levels for FY 2026

3.6 Describe benefit levels:

Heating and Cooling Components Benefit Matrix

Program rules found at 10 Texas Administrative Code, §6.309(e):

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(e) Benefit determinations for the Utility Payment Assistance Component and the Crisis Assistance Component cannot exceed the sliding scale described in paragraphs (1) - (3) of this subsection:

(1) Households with Incomes of 0 to 50% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive an amount not to exceed \$1,800 per Component;

(2) Households with Incomes more than 50% but at or below 75% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive an amount not to exceed \$1,500 per Component; and

(3) Households with Incomes more than 75% but at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines may receive an amount not to exceed \$1,200 per Component.

(f) Service and Repair of existing heating and cooling units. Households may receive up to \$9,000 for service and repair of existing heating and cooling units when the Household has an inoperable heating or cooling system based on requirements in §6.310 of this subchapter (relating to Crisis Assistance Component) for Non-Vulnerable Population Households and §6.311 of this subchapter (relating to Utility Assistance Component) for Vulnerable Population Households. Subrecipients should attempt to repair individual components of a system; if a component(s) of the heating or cooling system cannot be repaired using parts, the Subrecipient can replace the component(s) in order to repair the heating or cooling system.

(g) Purchase of heating and cooling units. Households may receive up to \$9,000 for the purchase of a heating and cooling unit when a heating or cooling system is nonexistent based on requirements in §6.310 of this subchapter (relating to Crisis Assistance Component) for Non-Vulnerable Population Households and §6.311 of this subchapter (relating to Utility Assistance Component) for Vulnerable Population Households.

(h) Assistance with purchase of portable cooling and/or heating units, window units, evaporative coolers, and mini splits cannot exceed \$9,000. Refer to §6.310(c)(5) of this subchapter for requirements relating to purchase of these types of units.