



Energy & Housing Services Department Memorandum

To: Interested Parties

From: Michael Baran, Director Energy & Housing Services

Date: May 5, 2015

Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
Weatherization Waiver – Notice of Public Hearing

Attached for your consideration and comment is a proposed request to the United States Department of Human Services (HHS) to waive the maximum percentage limits placed on funds used for weatherization services within the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

Pursuant to the LIHEAP Statute, grantees are allowed to use up to 15% of the LIHEAP grant for weatherization, and may apply for a waiver to use up to 25%. Currently, MaineHousing has allocated 15% of the FFY 2015 grant for weatherization and other energy-related home repair, including the Central Heating Improvement Program (CHIP).

MaineHousing is requesting a “good cause” waiver to reprogram a portion of the funds into low-income weatherization and other energy-related home repair, including CHIP. This is a preemptive measure to ensure Maine can maximize its use of FFY 2015 funds. MaineHousing will exercise the waiver and allocate up to 25% of the FFY 2015 grant to weatherization and other energy-related home repair, including CHIP if the total grant expenditures are projected to be less than 90% of the FFY 2015 grant award.

Public Hearing and Comment Period

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 9:15 AM in the Board Room, located on the 4th floor of the MaineHousing offices located at 353 Water Street in Augusta, Maine. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Monday, June 8, 2015. Written comments should be sent to liweap@mainehousing.org or mailed to Michael Baran, Director of Energy & Housing Services, 353 Water Street, Augusta, Maine 04330-4633.