

The Administration Releases \$50 million in LIHEAP Emergency Contingency Funds to 12 States to Address Severe Heat
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On August 29, 2007, HHS announced the release of \$50 million in LIHEAP emergency contingency funds to 12 states because of the severe heat experienced in these states during the month of August.

States are receiving a share of the \$50 million if they had:

1. A total of 341 or more cooling degree days (CDDs) during the three weeks ending August 25, 2007, *and*
2. Experienced 61 or more excess CDDs compared to their 30-year norms for this time period.

The allocations for each of the 12 states were determined based on the relative number of low income households in each of the states. The gross allocations for each of the 12 states are listed below.

Alabama	\$4,523,491
Arkansas	\$2,256,931
Georgia	\$6,444,253
Kansas	\$2,148,099
Kentucky	\$3,872,747
Louisiana	\$4,422,321
Mississippi	\$2,712,464
Missouri	\$4,945,219
North Carolina	\$6,986,902
Oklahoma	\$3,028,964
South Carolina	\$3,593,166
Tennessee	\$5,065,443
Total	<u><u>\$50,000,000</u></u>

The tribes in each of these states will receive the same percentage of contingency funds equal to their block grant percentage for FY 2007. Territories will not receive funds from this distribution.

Note that the \$50 million in this release will not be subject to the normal LIHEAP obligation rules or subject to the 10% carryover limitation. States and tribes receiving a share of the \$50 million must obligate 100% of these funds before September 30, 2008 (the end of FY 2008).