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**Senate: Labor, Health & Human Services, and Education Appropriations [Bill](#) and [Report](#)**

Program (funding levels in millions of \$)	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16 POTUS Request	FY16 Senate
Low Income Home Energy Assist. Prog. (Block Grant)	3,255	3,425	3,390	3,190	3,390
Utility Innovation Fund				200	0
LIHEAP Contingency	0	0	0	1,130 <sup>1</sup>	0
Environmental Health Activities	142.4	179.4	179.4	178.5	145.3
Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities	1,168	1,222	1,236	1,262	1,165

Other Notable Provisions:

Low Income Home Energy Assistance –The Committee directs the Secretary to submit a report within 90 days on the average home heating and cooling costs of low-income households by State and the average LIHEAP assistance payment to households by State. Further, the Committee requests that HHS include in future budget justifications estimated State allocations, as proposed in the budget request, and, if different, based on the underlying statutory formula.

Environmental Health Activities – The Committee recommendation includes \$13 million in transfers from the Prevention and Public Health Fund. The Environmental Health program focuses on preventing disability, disease, and death caused by environmental hazards through laboratory and field research. As part of the total amount, the Committee recommends \$27.5 million for asthma activities and \$15.5 million for childhood lead poisoning.

Dislocated Worker Employment and Training Activities – The Committee recommends \$965 million for Dislocated Worker Assistance, State grants that provide training services and support to help permanently separated workers return to productive unsubsidized employment. States use reserve funds for rapid response assistance to help workers affected by mass layoffs and plant closures and to carry out additional State-wide employment and training activities. States may also use funds for implementing innovative incumbent and dislocated worker training programs. The Committee recommends \$200 million for the Dislocated Worker Assistance National Reserve, which is available to the Secretary for activities such as responding to mass layoffs, plant and/or military base closings, and natural disasters that cannot be otherwise anticipated, as well as for technical assistance, training, and demonstration projects. The Committee bill includes new language setting aside \$19 million to ensure assistance is provided to workers dislocated from coal mines and coal-fired power plants as requested by the administration.

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<sup>1</sup> Proposed as mandatory funding