



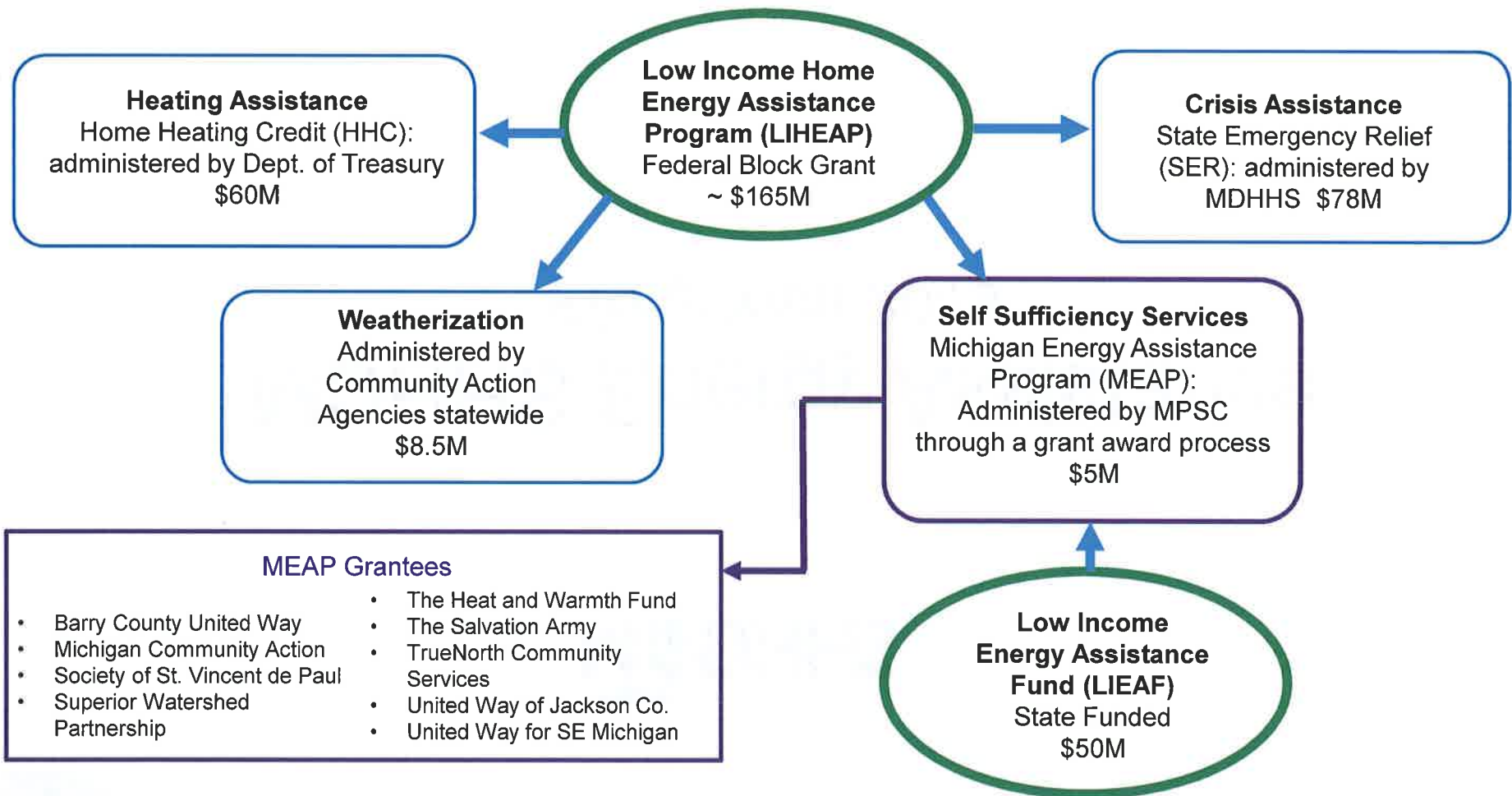
MDHHS Energy Assistance

Fiscal Year 2019

March 6, 2019



FY 2019 Energy Assistance Funding in Michigan





Energy Assistance Programs in Michigan

Heating Assistance

- Michigan's heating assistance is administered through the Home Heating Credit (HHC).
- To qualify, a household has to be at or below 110% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- Applications are available in January, when tax forms are released, until September 30th each year.
- The Department of Treasury determines eligibility for this program based on the eligibility guidelines outlined in the Income Tax Act.
- Benefits are issued in the form of an energy draft or direct payment when the recipient is a customer of DTE, Consumers Energy or SEMCO.



Energy Assistance Programs in Michigan

Crisis Assistance

- Crisis assistance is administered through MDHHS' State Emergency Relief (SER) program.
- In order to qualify, a household must be at or below 150% FPL and have an energy crisis that threatens their health and safety.
- An energy crisis includes:
 - A past due amount that threatens a shut off notice on their natural gas or electric account
 - Residential fuel tank that is at or below 25% of it's capacity.
- Applications are accepted year-round and payments are made directly to the energy provider if a household qualifies for assistance.



Energy Assistance Programs in Michigan

Weatherization Assistance

- Michigan's Weatherization Assistance Program reduces energy costs for low-income households by increasing the energy efficiency of their homes, while ensuring their health and safety.
- To qualify, a household must be at or below 200% FPL.
- The program is administered locally by 25 subgrantees around Michigan, applications are available through the local subgrantees year round.
- Eligible clients receive energy efficiency and health & safety measures installed in their homes.



Energy Assistance Programs in Michigan

Self Sufficiency Services - MEAP

- As outlined in Public Act 615 of 2012, MEAP grantees are required to provide self-sufficiency to households receiving energy assistance.
- Self-sufficiency services includes:
 - On-time bill payment
 - Budgeting
 - Assisting a household in becoming more energy efficient.
- MEAP assistance can also include enrollment into an Affordable Payment Plan offered by Consumers Energy, DTE and SEMCO
- Households who qualify for an energy-related SER service are eligible for subsequent bill payment assistance
- There are currently 9 MEAP grantees providing assistance statewide.

Application Process



Applying for Energy-Related Crisis Assistance

FY 2018 Process

Customer fills out paper or on-line application specific to agency providing services and schedules appointment.

Agency reviews the application and requests additional documentation/verifications from customer

Once all documentation is received, The agency providing services determines eligibility and makes the payment to resolve the crisis.

Agency works with client towards self-sufficiency with needs assessment, budgeting and energy waste reduction.

FY 2019 Process

Customer fills out paper or on-line application and uploads documentation into Mi Bridges with or without assistance from agency providing services if already involved with family.

MDHHS sends a verification checklist, requesting additional documentation/verifications from customer and schedules an interview (either phone or in person)

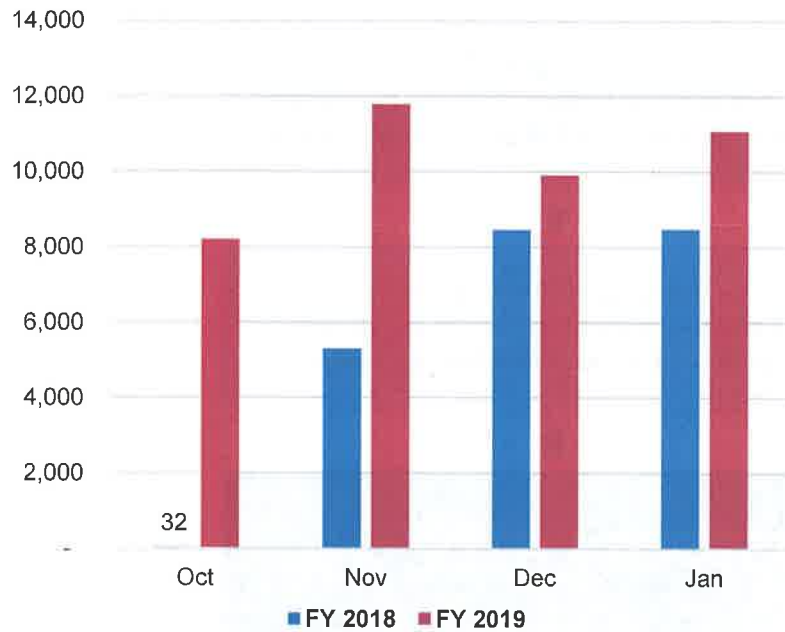
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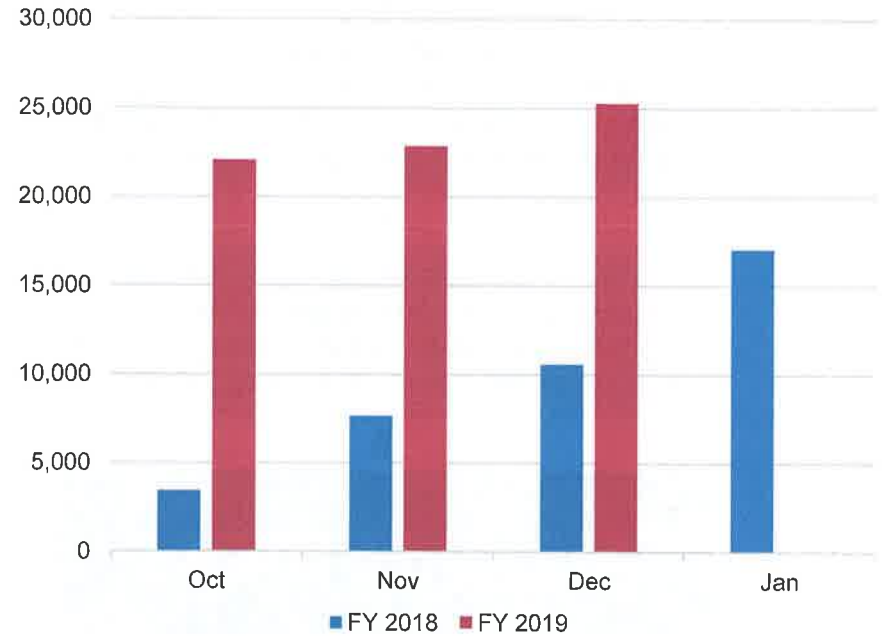
Unduplicated Households Served

SER



*Oct of FY2018, 32 households served.

MEAP

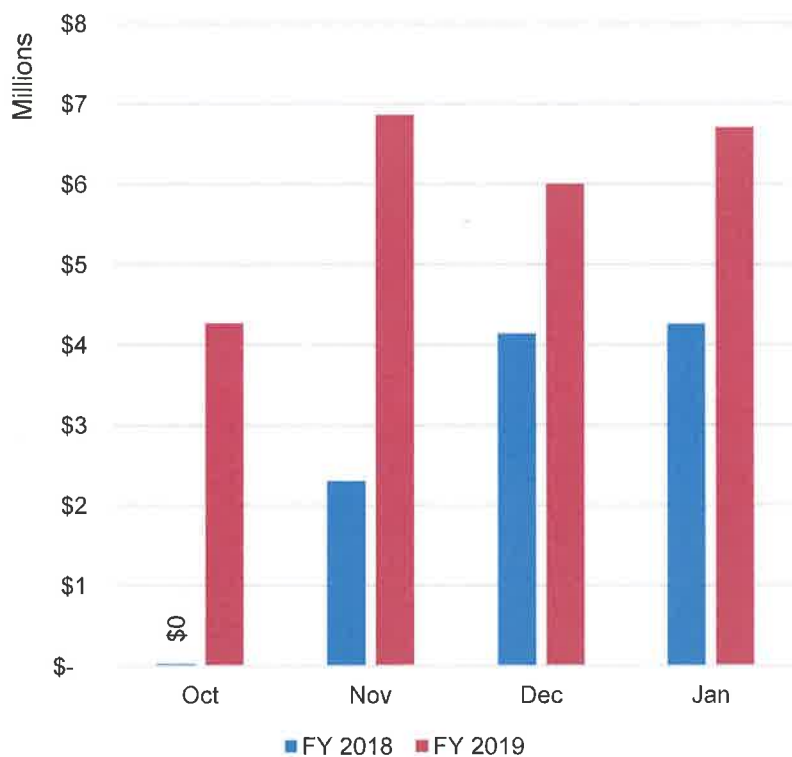


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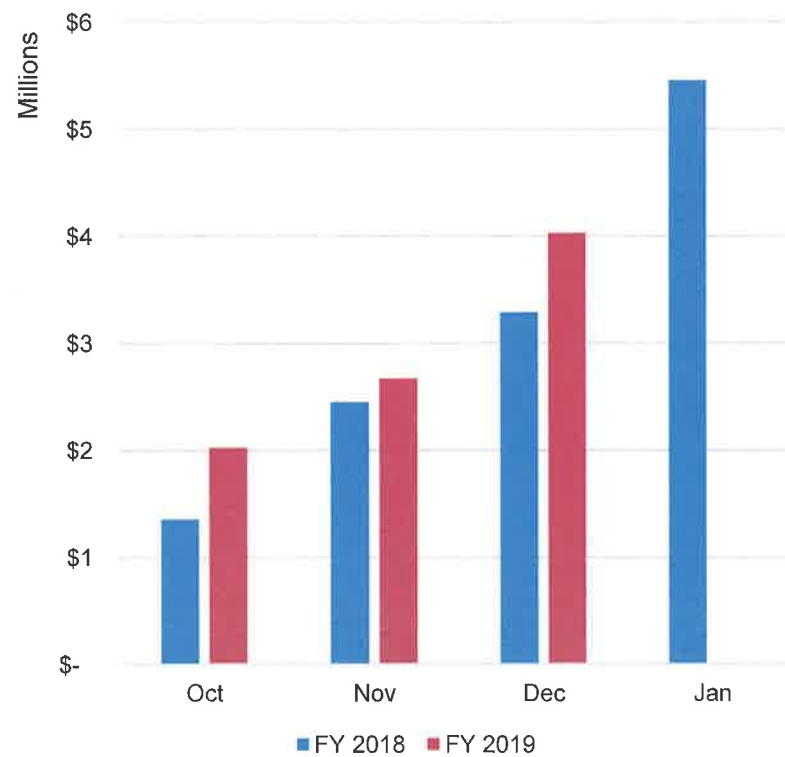
LIHEAP & LIEAF Expenditure

LIHEAP - SER



*Oct of FY2018, \$24,513 LIHEAP funds expended.

LIHEAP & LIEAF - MEAP



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