

Natchitoches Parish Office of Community Services (OCS)
Monthly Report
November 1 – November 30, 2024

1. Energy Program

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP): <https://www.lhc.la.gov>

- a. No funds were available for the month of November.
- b. FY 2025 Allocation OCS 1b.
- c. 2025 LIHEAP heating announcement OCS 1c.
- d. Share the Warmth (ATMOS): Utility assistance to 01 Households/Families totaling \$284.18

2. Food Program: <https://www.feedingamerica.org>

- a. USDA Commodity: provided nutritional food items to **162 households/families**.
Distribution date was November 15, 2024. Next distribution date December 16, 2024.

3. AmeriCorps Senior Programs: <https://americorps.gov>

- a. Senior Companion Program (SCP): 36 SCP volunteers provided home companionship services to 40 clients, 2,710 volunteer hours
- b. Foster Grandparent Program (FGP): 05 SCP volunteers provided tutoring services to 10 students at M.R. Weaver Elementary, 310 volunteer hours.

4. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG): <https://acf.hhs.gov>

- a. eLogic Genesis – Demographic data OCS 4a.
 - Household members (unduplicated): 202
 - Individuals (unduplicated): 288
- b. Community Needs Assessment completed. Copy mailed to Council Members, Available at OCS for community review.

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Attachment A

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

FY2025 DHHS Allocation

Natchitoches Parish Police Jury/Office of Community Services				
<u>Parish</u>		<u>Administration</u>	<u>Client Education</u> <u>(Assurance 16)</u>	<u>Total</u>
Natchitoches		\$32,874	\$9,646	\$42,520
<u>Assistance</u>	<u>Period</u>	<u>Program Support</u>	<u>Client Assistance</u>	
Heating	November 15, 2024 - March 15, 2025	\$6,346	\$120,580	\$126,926
Cooling	April 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025	\$11,550	\$219,456	\$231,006
Crisis	October 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025	<u>\$2,539</u>	<u>\$48,232</u>	\$50,771
	Total	\$20,435	\$388,268	
			FY2025 Allocation Total:	\$451,223

Parish of Natchitoches Office of Community Services (OCS)
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

For targeted groups, those persons who are 60 years and older and/or with a disability may call (318) 357-2220 to schedule an appointment for the 2024/2025 LIHEAP assistance on **Monday, December 16, 2024** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

All other interested households including those in the targeted groups may call (318) 357-2220 to schedule an appointment on **Tuesday, December 17, 2024** 8:00 am – 11:00 a.m.

The program is funded by the Department of Health and Human Services through the Louisiana Housing Corporation and Natchitoches (parish of) Office of Community Services. This program has been established to help qualified low-income Natchitoches parish homeowners and renters pay a portion of their primary heating costs.

This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy cost. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, among others. Funds are paid directly to utility companies and vendors. **Applicants for LIHEAP services shall be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.**

LIHEAP Income Eligibility Limits for FFY2025
 Effective 10/01/2024 to 09/30/2025

# Household Members	Annual Household Income Limit	Monthly Household Income Limit
1	\$29,889	\$2,490.75
2	\$39,086	\$3,257.17
3	\$48,283	\$4,023.58
4	\$57,480	\$4,790.00
5	\$66,676	\$5,556.33
6	\$75,873	\$6,322.75
7	\$77,598	\$6,466.50
8	\$79,322	\$6,610.17
9	\$81,046	\$6,753.83
10	\$82,771	\$6,897.58

Information you will need (no exceptions):

- Proof of identity: Valid Louisiana driver's license or Louisiana identification card of all household members 18 years of age or above
- Social Security cards for each household member.
- All check stubs from the previous 30 days for all employed household members (additional requirements for self-employment and no employment will apply) the household income for members aged 18 and older for the past 30 calendar days
- Proof of unearned income (Social Security, temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Unemployment Insurance, Pension Funds, Disability, Rental Income, Current Worker Compensation, veteran benefit, Regular Contribution, SSI, etc.)
- Citizenship verification
- Vulnerability (Responsibility for the household energy account): i.e. lease agreement that displays the name of applicant and the service address.
- Utility bills for heating and cooling (no older than 30 days)
- Utility Allowance Confirmation, if applicable.
- Disability status verification, if applicable.
- Child support verification, if applicable.
- Food Stamp (SNAP) certification letter or printout, if applicable.

Applicants who are facing disconnect or have already been disconnected please contact OCS to schedule the Crisis appointment. To receive Crisis assistance the applicant must have a disconnect notice or past due bill. For customers needing emergency assistance (after hours or on weekends or holidays) clients are asked to call 211.

"The Louisiana Low-Income Home Energy Assistance program prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, political affiliations, national origin, disability or age in programs and activities."

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Natchitoches Parish OCS

Module 4 Report

Filter Combination Setting: Match ANY Client Created: 11/01/2024 - 11/30/2024 Client Assessed: 11/01/2024 - 11/30/2024 Service Created: 11/01/2024 - 11/30/2024 Child Groups: Natchitoches

Section C:

A. Total unduplicated number of all INDIVIDUALS about whom one or more characteristics were obtained: 288

B. Total unduplicated number of all HOUSEHOLDS about whom one or more characteristics were obtained: 202

C. Individual Level Characteristics

1. Gender

Options	# of Persons
Female	189
Male	95
Other	0
Unknown/Not Reported	4
Unknown/not reported	0
Missing Data ?	4
Total	288

2. Age

Options	# of Persons
0 - 5	10
6 - 13	25
14 - 17	7
18 - 24	9
25 - 44	21
45 - 54	26
55 - 59	23
60 - 64	32
65 - 74	86
75+	42
Unknown/not reported ?	7
Total	288

3. Education Level

Options	# of Persons		
	Ages 14-24	Ages 25+	Missing DOB
9th - 12th Grade (nongrad)	4	41	0
Associate Degree	0	4	0
Bachelors Degree	0	7	0
GED/Equivalency Diploma	0	6	0
Graduate Degree or Higher	0	2	0
High School Graduate	5	135	0
Less than 9th Grade	5	9	4
Some College	2	26	0
Unknown/Not Reported	0	0	3
Unknown/not reported	0	0	0
Missing Data ?	0	0	3
Total	16	230	7

6. Ethnicity/Race

Options	# of Persons
Ethnicity	
Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins	0
Not Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origins	287
Unknown/Not Reported	1
Unknown/not reported	0
Missing Data ?	1
Total	288
Race	
American Indian or Alaska Native	2
Asian	0
Black or African American	254
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
White	22
Multiracial	5
Other	1
Unknown/Not Reported	4
Unknown/not reported	0
Missing Data ?	4
Total	288

4. Disconnected Youth

Options	# of Persons
Youth ages 14–24 who are neither working or in school	0

5. Health

Options	# of Persons ?		
	Yes	No	Unknown
Disabling Condition	132	151	5
Health Insurance	285	1	2
Health Insurance Sources			
Direct-Purchase			2
Employment Based			0
Medicaid			239
Medicare			132
Military Health Care			3
State Children's Health Insurance Program			0
State Health Insurance for Adults			1
Does not have health insurance			1
Unknown/Not Reported			2
Unknown/not reported			0
Missing Data ?			2
Total			380

7. Military Status

Options	# of Persons	
	Ages 18+	Missing DOB
Active Military	0	0
Never Served in the Military	229	4
Veteran	6	0
Unknown/Not Reported	4	3
Unknown/not reported	4	0
Missing Data ?	0	3
Total	239	7

8. Work Status

Options	# of Persons	
	Ages 18+	Missing DOB
Employed Full-Time	12	0
Employed Part-Time	8	0
Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker	0	0
Retired	76	0
Unemployed (Long-Term, more than 6 months)	6	0
Unemployed (Not in Labor Force)	130	4
Unemployed (Short Term, 6 months or less)	6	0
Unknown/Not Reported	1	3
Unknown/not reported	0	0
Missing Data ?	1	3
Total	239	7

D. Household Level Characteristics

9. Household Type

Options	# of Households
Multigenerational Household	8
Non-Related Adults with Children	0
Single Parent/Female	18
Single Parent/Male	1
Single Person	148
Two Adults/No Children	22
Two-Parent Household	4
Other	0
Unknown/Not Reported	1
<i>Unknown/not reported</i>	0
<i>Missing Data ?</i>	1
Total	202

10. Household Size

Options	# of Families
One	151
Two	33
Three	8
Four	4
Five	2
Six or more	3
Unknown/not reported ?	1
Total	202

13. Sources of Household Income

Options	# of Households
Income from Employment Only	7
Income from Employment and Other Income Sources	2
Income from Employment, Other Income Sources, and Non-Cash Benefits	2
Income from Employment and Non-Cash Benefits	2
Other Income Sources Only	106
Other Income Sources and Non-Cash Benefits	73
No Income	0
Non-Cash Benefits Only	6
Unknown/not reported	4
Total	202

11. Housing

Options	# of Families
Homeless	0
Other permanent housing	0
Own	95
Rent	103
Other	2
Unknown/Not Reported	2
Unknown/not reported	1
Missing Data (?)	1
Total	202

12. Level of Household Income

% of HHS Guideline	# of Households
Up to 50%	18
51% to 75%	41
76% to 100%	75
101% to 125%	53
126% to 150%	12
151% to 175%	2
176% to 200%	0
201% to 250%	0
250% and over	0
Unknown/not reported (?)	1
Total	202

14. Other Income Source

Options	# of Households
Alimony or Other Spousal Support	0
Child Support	3
EITC	0
Pension	11
Pension-Government	1
Pensions-Private	7
Private Disability Insurance	0
Retirement Income from Social Security	3
Social Security (Section G)	117
Social Security Retirement Income - DO NOT USE - USE "Retirement Income from Social Security"	7
SSDI	23
SSI	65
TANF	1
Unemployment Insurance	0
VA Non-Service Connected Disability Pension	3
VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation	2
Worker's Compensation	0
Other	10
Unknown/not reported	8
Total	261

15. Non-Cash Benefits

Options	# of Households
Affordable Care Act Subsidy	0
Childcare Voucher	0
Housing Choice Voucher	0
HUD-VASH	0
LIHEAP	0
Other Non-Cash Benefits	0
Permanent Supportive Housing	0
Public Housing	0
SNAP	83
WIC	0
Other	0
Unknown/not reported	105
Total	188