

### **7.1.2 Weatherization Program Facts**

- In FY 2001, DOE contributed 31% to all Federal weatherization funding, LIHEAP 45%, and others 24%.
- The Federal Government's outlay for fuel subsidies runs from \$4.0 to 4.4 billion per year. The major two agencies dispensing fuel subsidies are HUD and HHS (through LIHEAP).
- HUD spends over \$3 billion annually to pay all or part of the total utility bills (including water/sewer) for about 4.3 million low-income households. Energy costs are typically 75% of total bills in these households, so HUD spends typically \$2.25 billion on energy for these households.
- LIHEAP spends 85% of its funding for direct fuel subsidies and weatherization. Up to 15% can be spent for weatherization activities and the remainder is spent on fuel subsidies. A maximum of 25% of funding is available for weatherization activities if HHS approves a waiver. In FY 1995, 74% was spent on fuel subsidies and 10% on weatherization for 103,000 households. LIHEAP spent \$158 million on weatherization activities in FY 1995 and \$228 million in FY 2001.

Source(s): National Association for State Community Services Programs, Weatherization Assistance Program Funding Survey for Program Year 2002, April 2003, p. 7 for spending; HHS, LIHEAP Report to Congress FY 1995, Aug. 1997, p. vii for LIHEAP weatherized households and Table 5, p. 15 for LIHEAP cost splits; and EERE/OWIP for HUD data.