



Office of Temporary
and Disability Assistance

Home Energy Assistance Program Summary

LIFE Regional Meetings 2017

June 2, 2017

HEAP Program Mission

New York State HEAP

The New York State Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally funded program whose mission is to assist low-income households. Targeted households are those with the lowest incomes, which pay a high proportion of household income for home energy.

New York State HEAP, continued

The program is made of four main components

- Regular
- Emergency
- Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement (HERR)
- Cooling

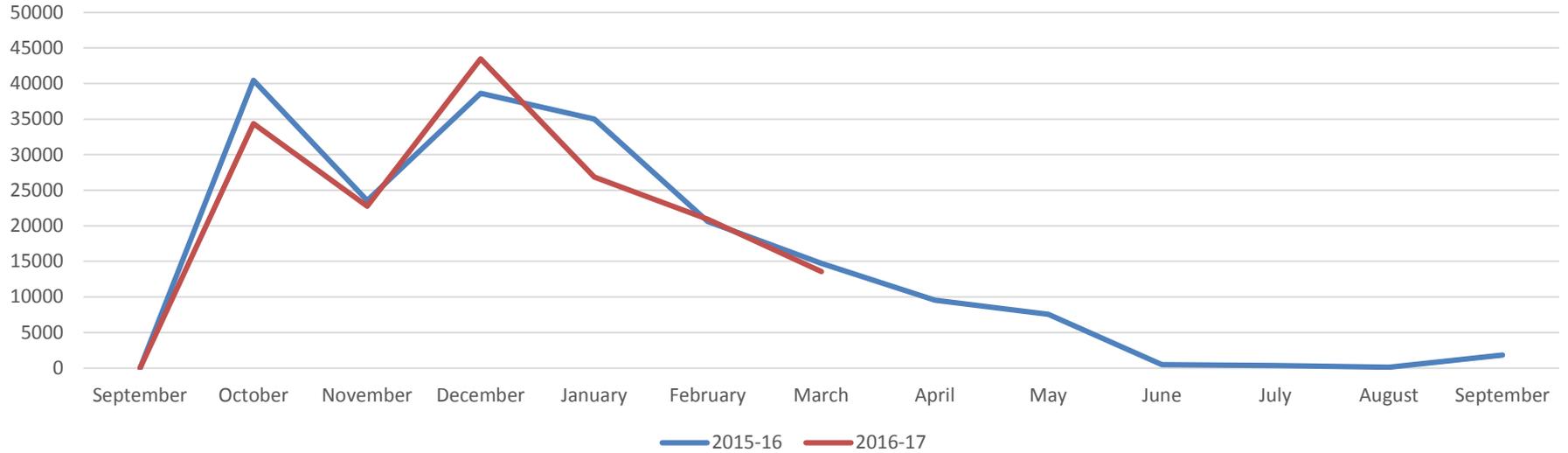
OTDA allocates a portion of the LIHEAP funding to HCR and NYSERDA for their weatherization and EmPower services

2015-16 to 2016-17 Program Comparison

2015-16 to 2016-17 Regular HEAP Comparison

	2015-16 4/15/2016	2016-17 4/14/2017	Increase/ Decrease	Percentage Difference
Number of Benefits	1,391,704	1,394,762	3,058	0.2%
Obligations	\$221,779,640	\$218,688,832	(\$3,090,808)	(1.4%)
Average Benefit	\$447	\$448	\$1	0.2%

Regular Benefit Applications by Year

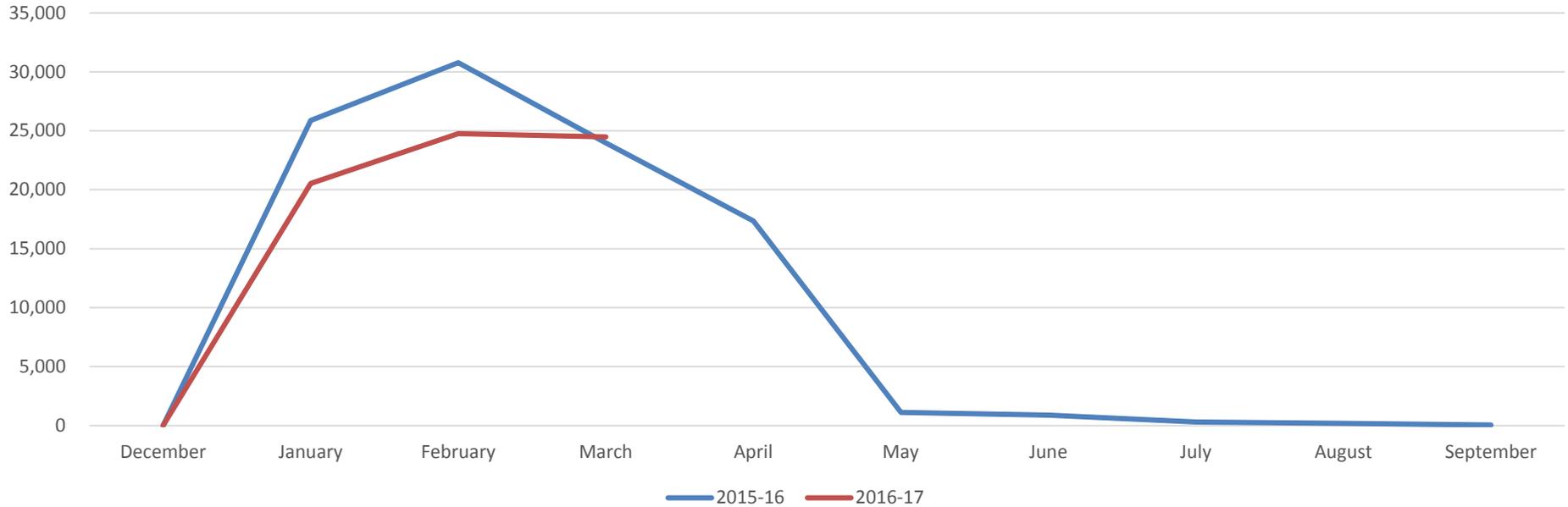


	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2015-16	0	40,451	23,557	38,629	35,012	20,610	14,726	9,566	7,547	499	345	107	1,819
2016-17	0	34,389	22,740	43,478	26,836	20,917	13,582						

2015-16 to 2016-17 Emergency HEAP Comparison

	2016 4/15/2016	2017 4/14/2017	Increase/ Decrease	Percentage Difference
Number of Benefits	96,224	81,017	(15,207)	(15.8)%
Obligations	\$38,557,459	\$36,121,780	\$(2,435,679)	(6.3)%
Average Benefit	\$401	\$446	\$45	11.2%

Emergency Benefit Applications by Year

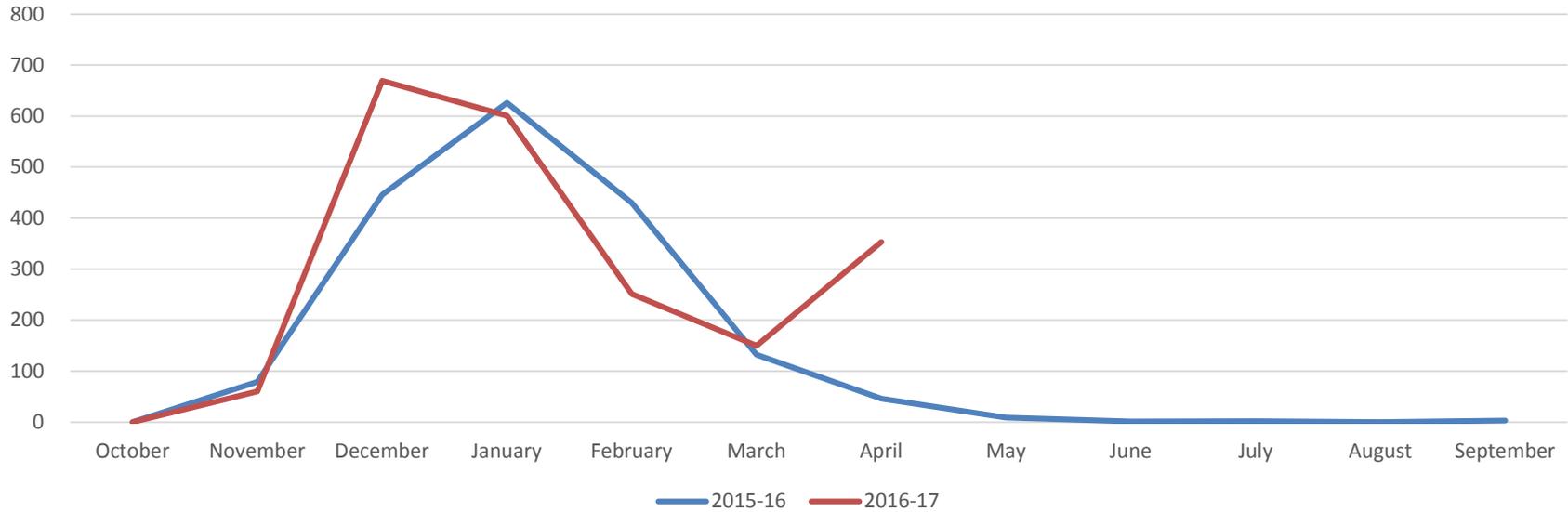


	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2015-16	0	25,867	30,764	23,962	17,362	1,117	879	311	185	54
2016-17	0	20,540	24,763	24,478						

2015-16 to 2016-17 HERR HEAP Comparison

	2015-16 4/15/2016		2016-17 4/14/2017		Increase/ Decrease	Percentage Difference
Number of Benefits	1,752		2,333		581	33.2%
Obligations	\$3,940,376		\$5,025,483		\$1,085,107	27.5%
Average Benefit	\$2,249		\$2,154		\$(95)	(4.2)%
	Repair	Replacement	Repair	Replacement		
	\$683	\$3,504	\$613	\$3,436		

Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement Benefit Applications by Year



	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2015-16	0	79	446	626	430	132	46	9	1	2	0	3
2016-17	0	60	669	601	251	150	353					

2016-17 New and Upcoming Initiatives

Regular Benefit Tier 1 Add-on

- 2016-17 Regular Benefit Tier 1 add-on increased from \$25 to \$26
- Increase assists New York State Utility Companies in identifying the lowest income HEAP households
- Allows easier enrollment into the utilities low income programs mandated by the Public Service Commission Low Income Order

Heating Equipment Clean and Tune 2016-17

- Will open on July 3, 2017 and is scheduled to close on November 3, 2017 or until the available funds are exhausted, whichever comes first
- Provides for eligible households to have their primary heating equipment cleaned and tuned prior to the cold weather period
- Improve energy efficiency and reduces fuel consumption for low income households
- Provides for the cleaning and tuning of applicant owned primary heating equipment that has not been serviced in the past 12 months

Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement (HERR)

- Will continue to operate to until further notice
- Will support and work in collaboration with the HCR Weatherization and the NYSERDA Energy Efficiency Initiative
- Supports the OTDA Clean and Tune component by replacement of “red-tagged” heating equipment

Cooling Assistance Component

- Open May 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 or until funds allocated are exhausted
- Will provide for the purchase and installation of an air conditioner or fan for HEAP eligible households with at least one individual has a documented medical condition that is exacerbated by extreme heat
- No additional cash benefit is available

Energy Efficiency Initiative

Energy Efficiency Initiative

- Collaborative project between HEAP and NYSERDA's EmPower Program
- NYSERDA matching HEAP funds dollar for dollar
- Weatherization and baseload reduction measures to over 20,000 low income homes across New York State in support of Governor Cuomo's State of the State address
- Referrals targeting low income HEAP eligible households with the highest Energy Burden Ratio
- OTDA will continue to allocate HEAP funding to the Homes and Community Renewal Weatherization

2016-17 Funding Summary

2016-17 Funding

- November 2016 total federal funds release \$3.2 B
 - New York State: \$324,884,440
- New York State's total allocation for 2016-17: \$324,884,440
- The United State Department of Health and Human Services has not yet released the remaining ten percent of October 2016 Continuing Resolution funding.

Projected 2017-18 Funding

2017-18 Projected Federal Funding

- The President's proposed budget has no appropriation for LIHEAP in FY2018
- NYS HEAP plans to continue to assist the low income HEAP eligible households across the state

2017-18 Program Planning

- NYS HEAP just completed its public comment period to solicit input on the development of the 2017-18 State Plan
- The comments and suggestions received will be considered and incorporated into the 2017-18 NYS HEAP State Plan

Contact New York State HEAP

HEAP Contact Information

- Information regarding the NYSHEAP Program may be found at www.otda.ny.gov
- Clients may apply for HEAP benefits either with their local Department of Social Services or online at www.mybenefits.ny.gov
 - Information for local Departments of Social Services is available at 1-800-342-3009
- Phone numbers for NYSHEAP: 518-473-0332 OR
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