



**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

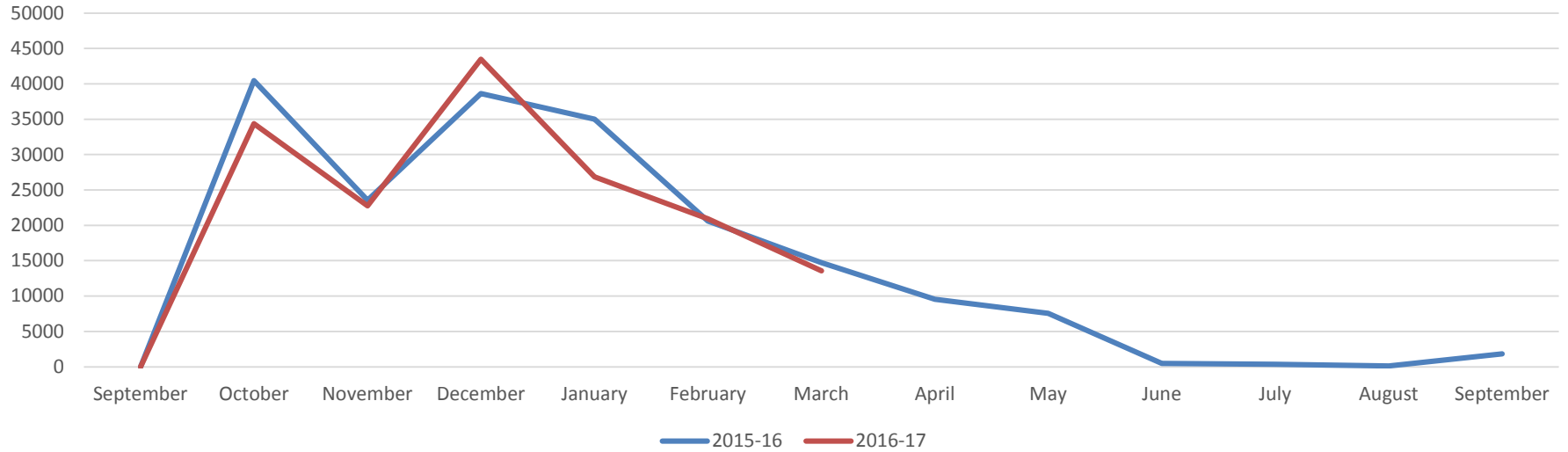
OTDA allocates a portion of the LIHEAP funding to HCR and NYSERDA for their weatherization and EmPower services

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

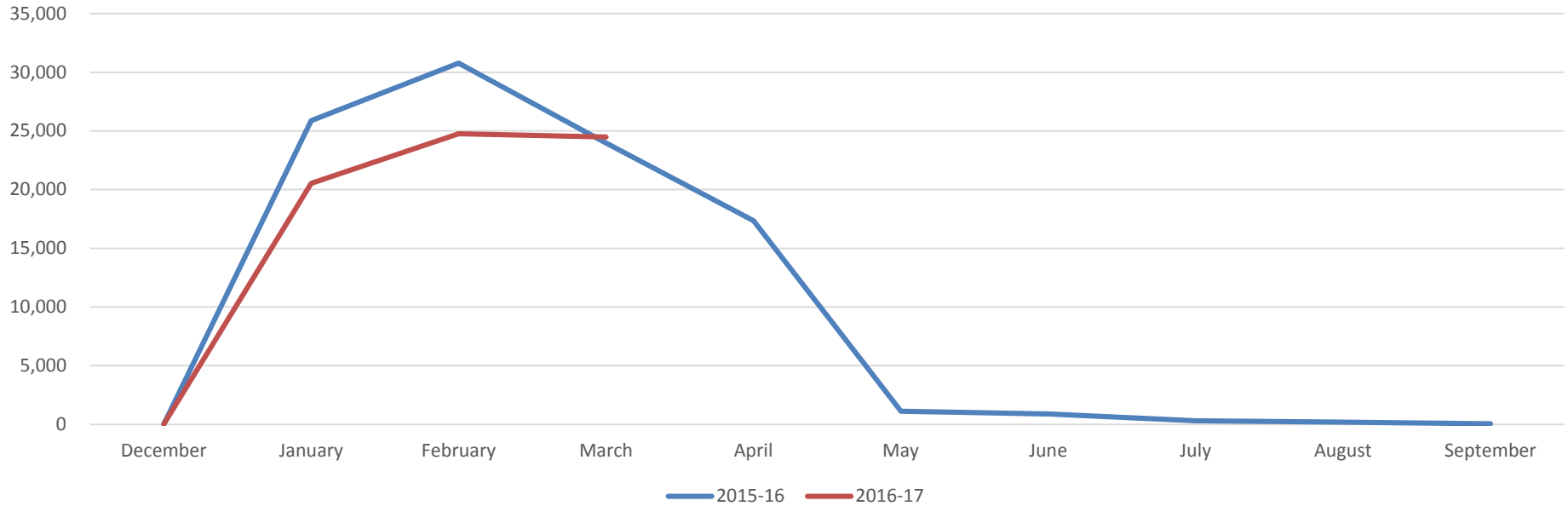


	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2015-16	0	40,451	23,557	38,629	35,012	20,610	14,726	9,566	7,547	499	345	107	1,819
2016-17	0	34,389	22,740	43,478	26,836	20,917	13,582						

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

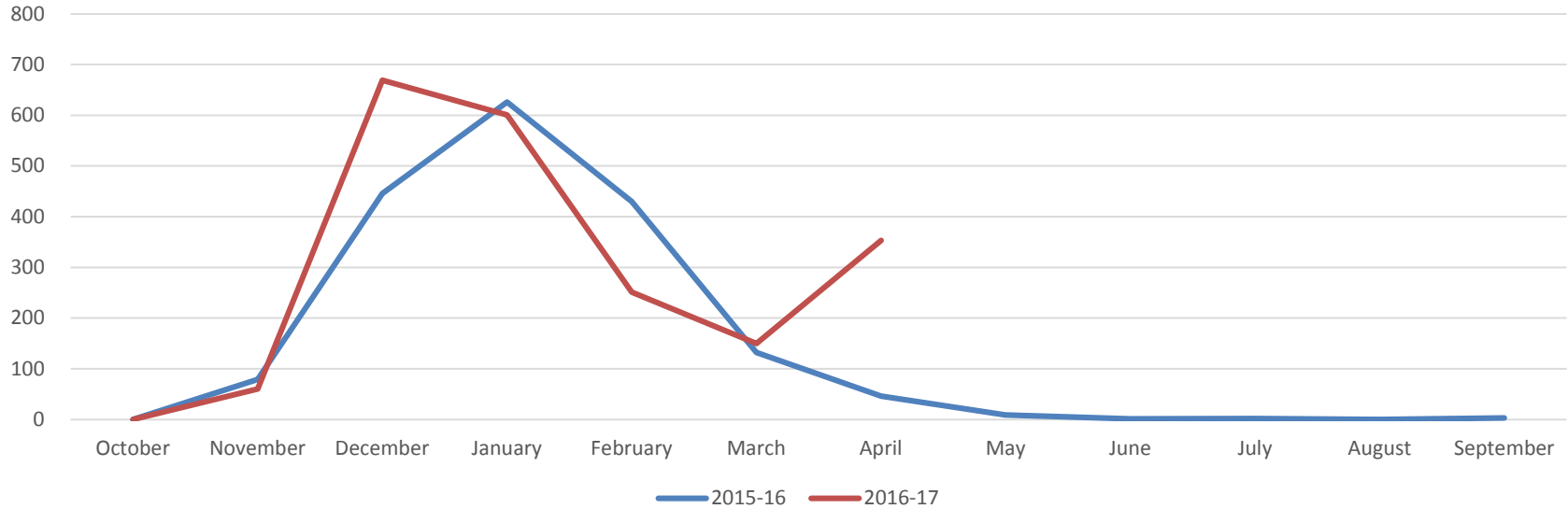


	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September
2015-16	0	25,867	30,764	23,962	17,362	1,117	879	311	185	54
2016-17	0	20,540	24,763	24,478						

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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