

**Notice of Public Comment Period and Public Hearings on the Draft Federal Fiscal Year (“FFY”) 2019 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) State Plan**

In accordance with the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services’ requirement for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (“LIHEAP”) and Texas Government Code, Chapter 2105, Subchapter B, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (“TDHCA”) is conducting public hearings. The purpose of the hearings is to solicit comments on the Draft Federal Fiscal Year (“FFY”) 2019 LIHEAP State Plan (“LIHEAP Draft Plan”).

The LIHEAP Draft Plan describes the proposed use and distribution of LIHEAP funds for FFY 2019. LIHEAP provides funding for the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (“CEAP”) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (“WAP”).

The LIHEAP Draft Plan was presented and approved by the TDHCA Board of Directors on April 26, 2018. As part of the public information, consultation, and public hearing requirements for LIHEAP, the Community Affairs Division of TDHCA has posted the proposed Plan on the TDHCA website.

Please visit the TDHCA Public Comment Center at <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/public-comment.htm> to access the Plan.

The documents may be obtained by contacting the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs at P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941 or by phone at (512) 475-3905.

Public hearings for the LIHEAP Draft Plan will be held as follows:

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Rusk Building, Room 320, located at 208 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin, TX 78701

Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. at 959 E. Rosedale, Fort Worth, TX 76104

Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 3838 Aberdeen Way, Houston, TX 77277

Thursday, May 31, 2018 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. at 1101 E. Garden Lane, Midland, TX 79701

At the hearing, the LIHEAP Draft Plan will be presented for public comment. Persons may provide public comment on the Plan either through oral testimony or written testimony. A representative from TDHCA will be present at the hearing to explain the planning process and receive comments from interested citizens and affected groups regarding the Plan.

The public comment period to accept comments regarding the LIHEAP Draft Plan will be open from Friday, May 11, 2018 through Monday, June 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. Austin local time. Written comments concerning the Plan may also be submitted to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, Community Affairs Division, P.O. Box 13941, Austin, TX 78711-3941, or by email to [gavin.reid@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:gavin.reid@tdhca.state.tx.us), or by fax to (512) 475-3935. Comments are due no later than 5:00 p.m.

Austin local time, Monday, June 4, 2018. Any questions regarding the public comment process may be directed to Rita Gonzales-Garza, Program Specialist, in the Community Affairs Division at (512) 475-3905 or [rita.garza@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:rita.garza@tdhca.state.tx.us).

Individuals who require auxiliary aids, services or sign language interpreters for this hearing should contact Rita Gonzales-Garza, at 512-475-3905 or Relay Texas at 800-735-2989 at least three days before the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Non-English speaking individuals who require interpreters for the public hearing should contact Elena Peinado, 512- 475-3814, or by email at [elena.peinado@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:elena.peinado@tdhca.state.tx.us) at least three (3) days before the hearing so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Personas que hablan español y requieren un interprete, favor de llamar a Elena Peinado al siguiente numero 512-475-3814 o enviarle un correo electronico a [elena.peinado@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:elena.peinado@tdhca.state.tx.us) por lo menos tres dias antes de la junta para hacer los preparativos apropiados.