

REQUEST TO USE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FUNDS  
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN  
SERVICES

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**

TRANSMITTING

A REQUEST TO MAKE AVAILABLE PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED  
EMERGENCY FUNDS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES PURSUANT TO SECTION 251(b)(2)(A) OF THE  
BALANCED BUDGET AND EMERGENCY DEFICIT CONTROL ACT  
OF 1985, AS AMENDED.



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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
*Washington, December 18, 2000.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: In accordance with provisions of the FY 2000 Emergency Supplemental Act, as included in Public Law 106-246, I hereby request and make available appropriations of \$155,650,000 in budget authority for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Human Services. These funds will enable the Department to address the needs of all States due to continuing, substantial increases in heating fuel prices.

I designate the \$155,650,000 made available today as an emergency requirement pursuant to section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended.

The details of this action are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget. I concur with his comments and observations.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. CLINTON.

Enclosure.



[Estimate No. 27, 106th Cong., 2d Sess.]

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT,  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET,  
*Washington, DC, December 18, 2000.*

The PRESIDENT,  
*The White House.*

Submitted for your consideration is a request to make available \$155.6 million in emergency appropriations for the Department of Health and Human Services. Your approval of this request would make available previously appropriated funds to the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to help all States address the needs of low-income households that are facing continuing, substantial increases in heating fuel prices, with a majority of funds distributed to the colder weather States of the Northeast and Midwest.

The FY 2000 Emergency Supplemental Act, as included in Public Law 106-246, provided \$600.0 million for LIHEAP, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement. To date, you have released a total of \$444.4 million of this emergency funding. In September, you released \$400.0 million to all States to respond to increases in heating fuel prices. In July and August, you released \$44.4 million to address the needs of low-income households in eight southern States arising from extremely hot weather conditions; low-income households in Alaska needing assistance with fuel costs in light of the fisheries disaster; and, low-income households in California facing extremely high electricity prices.

I recommend that you designate this request for \$155.6 million as an emergency funding requirement in accordance with section 251(b)(2)(A) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended. No further congressional action will be required.

I have carefully reviewed this proposal and am satisfied that it is necessary at this time. Therefore, I join the Secretary of Health and Human Services in recommending that you make the requested funds available by signing the enclosed letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

JACOB J. LEW,  
*Director.*

Enclosure.

EMERGENCY APPROPRIATIONS: AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED MADE  
AVAILABLE BY THE PRESIDENT

*Department of Health and Human Services*

Administration for Children and Families:

Low income home energy assistance program ..... \$155,650,000

The FY 2000 Emergency Supplemental Act, as included in Public Law 106–246, provided \$600,000,000 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, contingent upon the President submitting a budget request to the Congress and designating the entire amount requested as an emergency requirement.

Of the \$600,000,000 in contingent emergency appropriations provided by Public Law 106–246, \$444,350,000 has been designated as an emergency requirement and made available. At this time, the remaining \$155,650,000 in contingent funding is required to support the needs of low-income households throughout the United States arising from continuing, substantial increases in heating fuel prices. These funds will enable all States to assist low-income households affected by price increases that have occurred throughout the country and will provide additional assistance to the States in proportion to their usage of heating oil, natural gas, and propane.