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## **Additional Propane Shortage Resources Available**

On January 29, 2014 Governor Scott Walker wrote a letter to President Barack Obama asking for the immediate release of the remaining Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) allocations. Yesterday, the federal government released the funds requested by Governor Walker.

"I would like to thank President Obama, and the Federal Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) for their prompt response to Governor Walker's request," said Deputy Secretary Chris Schoenherr. "These funds can now be made available to assist individuals affected by the current propane shortage. I am hopeful these additional funds will result in more low income households keeping the heat on."

DHHS released the remaining FFY 2014 LIHEAP funding and yesterday the State of Wisconsin received the remaining \$14.2 million dollars of the total \$103.1 million FFY2014 allocation. Given the propane shortage that is deeply affecting Wisconsin residents, DOA preemptively released \$7 million of the \$14.2 million allocation to Wisconsin counties and tribes who administer the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP).

Individuals interested in donating to the Keep Wisconsin Warm Fund (KWWF) to help those impacted by the crisis can donate online at <a href="https://www.kwwf.org/donate">www.kwwf.org/donate</a> or by calling 1-800-891-9276

Residents that need emergency heating assistance can contact:

- Their county or tribal office please see the map of Where to Apply at homeenergyplus.wi.gov
- Wisconsin's Home Energy Assistance Program toll-free at 866-HEATWIS (432-8947)

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