

Oregon Housing and Community Services Department

Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP)

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An Overview

The Oregon Energy Assistance Program (OEAP) was established in the 1999 Legislative Session through SB 1149. ORS 757.612 (7) - (9), ORS 757.617 and OAR 813-202 guide the program.

Funding Source

Program funds are from meter charges (33 cents per month for residential and a maximum of \$500 per month per site for retail electricity consumers) from investor-owned utilities within Oregon (Portland General Electric and PacifiCorp/Pacific Power & Light). SB 1149 (ORS 757.612) is to provide \$10 million per year for low-income energy bill payment assistance.

Program Purpose

The OEAP program is to provide electrical energy assistance to low-income households and reduce the number of households in danger of having their electricity disconnected.

Eligibility Requirements:

Renters and homeowners who have an account with Portland General Electric or Pacific Power & Light are eligible if their household income is at or below 60% of the state median income (as determined at the beginning of each program year, October 1). Family size is considered.

Shut offs Prevented & Reconnections:

During the program year 2006 (10/01/05-09/30/06):

- 19,300 shut offs prevented
- 3,214 households were reconnected that had electricity disconnected

Client Information

Characteristics	Program Year 2004	Program Year 2005	Program Year 2006
Households Served	23,421	22,350	22,514
Clients Served	70,986	67,261	66,532
Average Payment	\$316	\$319	\$321
Average Income per/HH	\$10,699	\$12,216	\$11,610
Per Capita Income	\$3,531	\$4,058	\$3,922
Households Below Federal Poverty Level	73%	72%	70%
Client Vendor Payments	\$7,410,802	\$7,128,117	\$7,316,645

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To talk with someone about developing affordable housing in your area, contact a [Regional Advisor to the Department](#) or call 503.986.2000.

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