

Michigan Public Service Commission

Vulnerable Household Warmth Fund – Q and A

1. *What is the Vulnerable Household Warmth Fund?*

[Public Act 274 of 2011](#) authorized the creation of the Vulnerable Household Warmth Fund (VHWF) for the purpose of providing payment or partial payment of bills for electricity, natural gas, propane, heating oil, or any other type of fuel used to heat the primary residence of a vulnerable customer during the 2011-2012 heating season.

2. *Does the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) still administer the Low-Income and Energy Efficiency Fund (LIEEF)?*

No, a July 21, 2011 Court of Appeals [decision](#) determined the administration of the LIEEF does not fall within the scope of the MPSC's general statutory powers. In lieu of the above decision, on December 20, 2011 the MPSC issued three orders vacating its June 16 and June 28, 2011 orders in Case No. U-13129.

3. *What is the total funding made available for the Vulnerable Household Warmth Fund?*

[Public Act 275 of 2011](#) authorized a one-time appropriation of \$23,000,000 for the VHWF and directed the MPSC to award grants to entities (other than the Department of Human Services) based on a pro rata basis consistent with the Commission's June 28, 2011 order awarding low-income energy assistance grants in docket no. U-13129.

4. *Who were the grantees, and how much was awarded to each organization?*

Barry County United Way - \$127,778, Downriver Community Conference - \$851,852, Lighthouse Emergency Services - \$255,556, Michigan Community Action Agency Association - \$2,129,630, The Salvation Army - \$6,708,333, The Society of St. Vincent de Paul - \$681,481, The Heat and Warmth Fund - \$9,689,814, and TrueNorth Community Services (fna Newaygo County Community Services) - \$2,555,556. More information about the grantee's service areas can be found under docket no. [U-16917](#).

5. *Will any funds be issued to the Department of Human Service (DHS)?*

Yes, Public Act 275 authorized a one-time direct appropriation of \$35 million to DHS for state emergency relief energy services.