

# Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program State of Arizona



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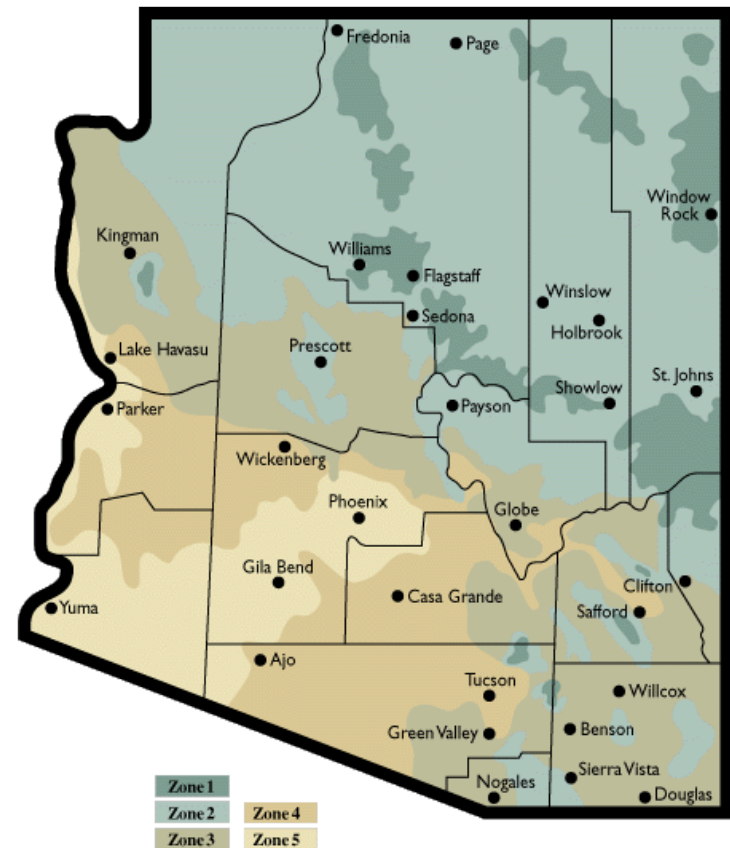
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# Arizona's 5 Climate Zones

Arizona Plant Climate Zones

- Zone 1 – Cold Mountainous Regions
- Zone 2 – Cool Plateau Highlands
- Zone 3 – High Altitude Desert
- Zone 4 – Mid Altitude Desert
- Zone 5 – Low Altitude Desert



# Various Climates Generate Both Heating & Cooling Needs

	Average Temperature (Fahrenheit)	Average Max. Temperature (Fahrenheit)	Average Min. Temperature (Fahrenheit)
Flagstaff	45.8	61.0	30.5
Phoenix	72.6	85.9	59.3



# Various Climates Generate Both Heating & Cooling Needs

	Days w/ Max Temp of 90F or Higher	Days w/ Min Temp Below Freezing
Flagstaff	3	209
Phoenix	167	6



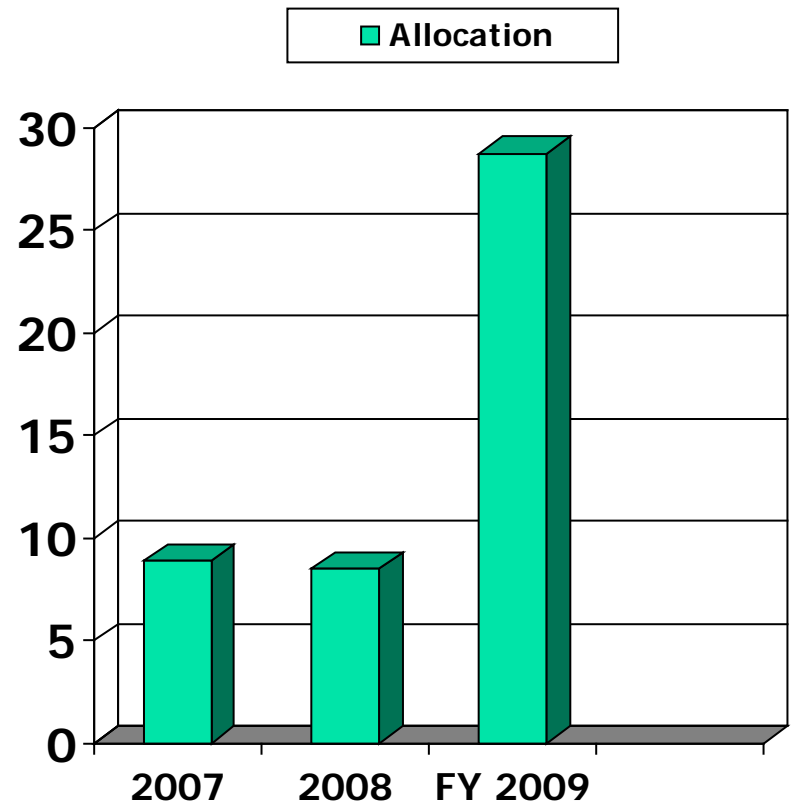
# Service Delivery System

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- Operate Year-Round Program
- 12 Service Providers
- Fund Awards Based Formula-Driven Factors (Poverty and Unemployment Statistics)
- Local Awards Budgeted by Providers Based Upon Historical Demand Factors
- Available Funding Depleted (On Average) By The 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Working Day of The Month

# Funding Levels

- FY 2007 - \$8.9 Million
- FY 2008 - \$8.5 Million
- FY 2009 - \$28.7 Million





# SFY 2007

\$8.9 Million

Number of HH  
Assisted:  
31,384

Average Benefit Level:  
\$241.00

## HH with Income Under:

75 % Poverty	57%
100 % Poverty	20%
125% Poverty	14%
150% Poverty	9%

## HH With Member Who Is:

60 Yrs/Older	12%
Disabled	33%
5 Yrs/Younger	14%



# SFY 2008

\$8.5 Million

Number of HH  
Assisted:  
25,730

Average Benefit Level:  
\$304.00

## HH with Income Under:

75 % Poverty	57%
100 % Poverty	21%
125% Poverty	13%
150% Poverty	9%

## HH With Member Who Is:

60 Yrs/Older	13%
Disabled	35%
5 Yrs/Younger	30%





# SFY 2009

\$28.7 Million

Number of HH  
Assisted:  
37,978

Average Benefit Level:  
\$413.00

## HH with Income Under:

75 % Poverty	55%
100 % Poverty	17%
125% Poverty	15%
150% Poverty	9%
200% Poverty	5%

## HH With Member Who Is:

60 Yrs/Older	14%
Disabled	33%
5 Yrs/Younger	36%



# Managing Increased Funding

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- Increased Eligibility Criteria From 150% to 200% FPL
- Increased Maximum Benefit from \$400 to \$640
- Providers Coordinated and Staffed Regional LIHEAP Intake “Blitz” Days Across Various Counties
- Some Providers Identified Additional Volunteer Organizations to Assist with Intake Screening
- Collaborated With Utility Companies



# Challenges

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- Procurement / Contracting Requirements Results in Delayed Funds Availability
- State and Municipal Budget Deficits Resulting in Reduced Administrative Capacity at Provider Levels
- Other Unintended Impacts



# Future Outlook

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- Arizona Economy
- Increased Poverty Population = Increased Demand
- Expanded Commitment to Serve Households at 200% FPL



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