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Vermont has received $4.9 million under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

The latest allotment released by federal government brings Vermont's total this year to $19.5 million this winter, down from $26 million in 2010. The state of Vermont has committed $6.1 million to help make up the difference.

Sens. Patrick Leahy and Bernie Sanders and Rep. Peter Welch are co-sponsors of legislation to provide additional funding for LIHEAP to at least match last year's total of $4.7 billion nationwide and $26 million for Vermont.