

LEAP Emergency Financial Assistance

2017 Report

Presentation Outline

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The LEAP EFA Program

- The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program – Emergency Financial Assistance (LEAP) is a grant program intended to provide emergency financial relief to eligible low-income electricity and natural gas customers who are having difficulty paying their bills and are facing imminent disconnection.
- It is not a program to provide regular or ongoing bill payment assistance. The Ontario Electricity Support Program provides on-going assistance for lower income electricity consumers.
- LEAP is funded by consumers through their distribution rates.
- Distributors contribute the greater of 0.12% of their total OEB-approved distribution revenue, or \$2,000.
 - Up to 15% of funding may be retained for social agency administration fees.
- Social agencies are responsible for screening customers for eligibility, as per criteria and guidelines in the LEAP Program Manual.
- Grants are a maximum of \$500 per fuel, per household, per calendar year or a maximum of \$600 for electrically heated homes.

Distributors Participating in LEAP in 2017

Distributors who participated in LEAP included:

- 67 electricity distributors (see the OEB website for a complete list of licensed distributors)
- 5 natural gas distributors
 - Enbridge Gas, Union Gas, Natural Resource Gas (NRG), Utilities Kingston, Kitchener Utilities

Social service agencies who participated in LEAP program included:

- 68 lead agencies (responsible for initial intake and administration)
- 156 intake agencies (responsible for meeting applicants and reviewing applications)

Reporting Requirements

Licensed electricity and natural gas distributors are required to report to the OEB annually the following information:

- Total Funds Available broken down by:
 - Distributor budget (the greater of 0.12% of distribution revenue or \$2,000) *
 - Non-distributor funds (i.e. corporate or community donations)
 - Unused funds from previous year(s)
- Total Funds Disbursed broken down by:
 - Grants disbursed (to distributor and sub-metered customers)
 - Administration costs to social agencies
- Other
 - Total unused funds
 - Month in which LEAP funds were depleted
 - Number of applicants (distributor and sub-metered customers)
 - Number of distributor and sub-metered customers assisted (recipients)
 - Number of distributor and sub-metered customers denied

* While distributors are required to provide the greater of 0.12% of distribution revenue or \$2,000, some have reported providing funds in excess of 0.12% of distribution revenue. Funding will be reviewed as a part of the LEAP EFA Review currently underway.

LEAP Results Overview

Electricity Distributors	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
LEAP funds	\$ 5,000,941	\$ 4,735,875	\$ 5,180,915	\$ 6,009,290	\$ 6,407,800
Non-distributor funds*	\$ 30,508	\$ 800,771	\$ 2,574,958	\$ 2,307,901	\$ 1,679,764
Funds disbursed	\$ 4,279,839	\$ 4,762,007	\$ 6,457,863	\$ 7,776,612	\$ 6,182,084
Recipients	9,293	9,656	14,494	14,330	11,643
Average grant	\$ 399	\$ 418	\$ 381	\$ 464	\$ 451

Natural Gas Distributors	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
LEAP funds	\$ 1,304,939	\$ 1,466,975	\$ 1,420,283	\$ 2,354,197	\$ 2,666,183
WW funds (Union Gas) **	\$ 1,009,079	\$ 1,293,929	\$ 937,087	\$ 91,000	-
LEAP and WW funds disbursed	\$ 2,128,223	\$ 2,632,808	\$ 2,266,209	\$ 2,197,157	\$ 2,428,779
Recipients	4,971	6,135	4,881	5,354	5,571
Average grant	\$ 364	\$ 369	\$ 395	\$ 341	\$ 371

* There were 7 distributors who contributed non-distributor funds in 2017, 6 in 2016, 8 in 2015, 4 in 2014 and 3 in 2013.

** Union completely depleted its Winter Warmth funds in 2016 whereas Enbridge completely depleted its funds in 2012.



Key Points

Funding

- Hydro One's total LEAP funds available accounted for 60% of all electricity LEAP funds; Toronto Hydro and Alectra accounted for between 9 and 10% each.
- Hydro One donated \$1.6 million to the LEAP program in 2017, all of which remained unused by year-end. Hydro 2000 Inc. and Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro also donated funds which were unused by year-end.
- In 2017, for the first time in 4 years, funds disbursed were less than electricity distributors' required funding.
- In the past two years, 50% of distributors had reported running out of LEAP funds by August, a shift by two months from June reported in 2014 and 2015

Demand

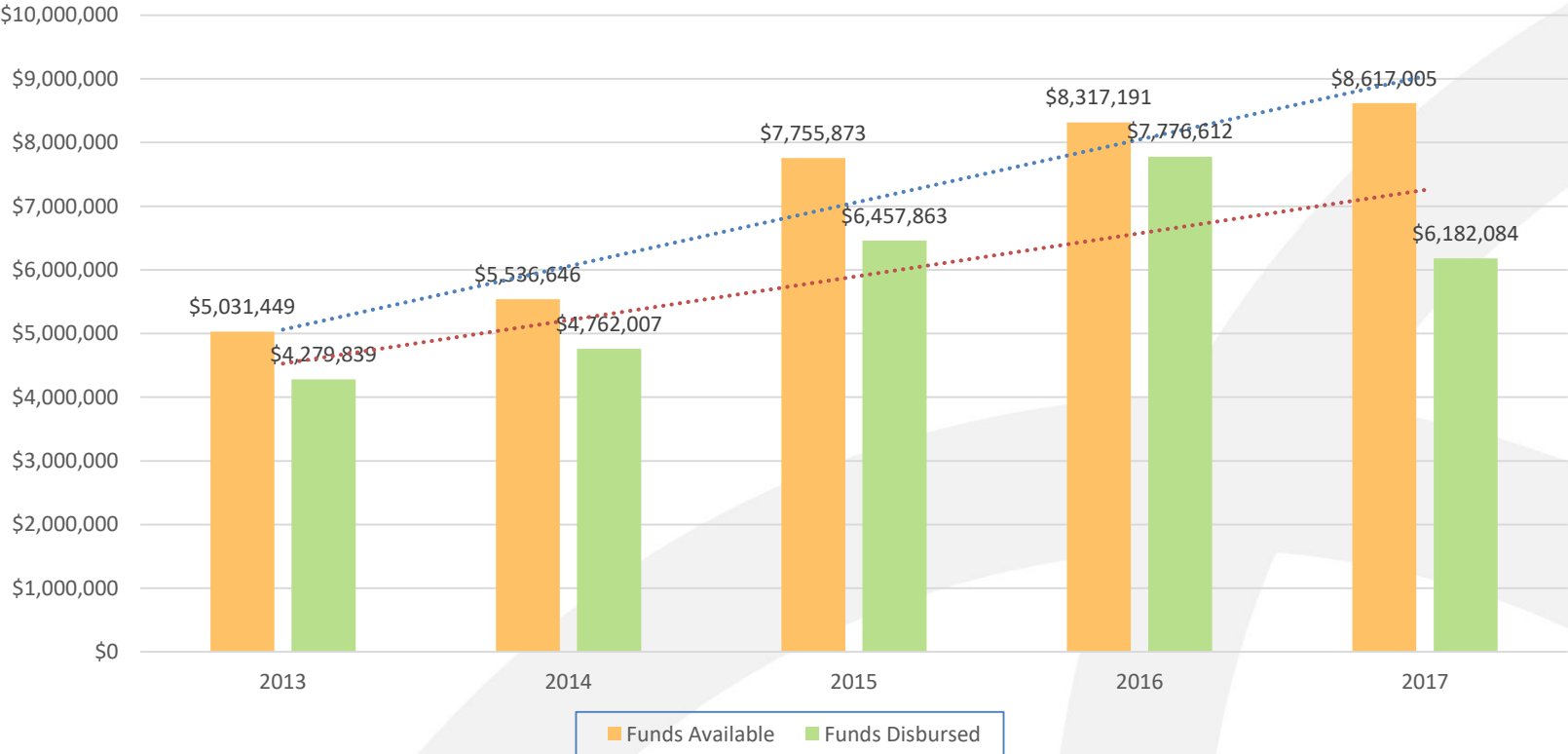
- Applications by electricity customers declined 17% in 2017 while applications by natural gas customers fell by 24%.

Grant Amounts

- The average grant for electricity customers went from \$399 during 2013-2015 to \$458 in the past two years.
- The average natural gas grant remained fairly constant over the past 5 years at \$368 per recipient.

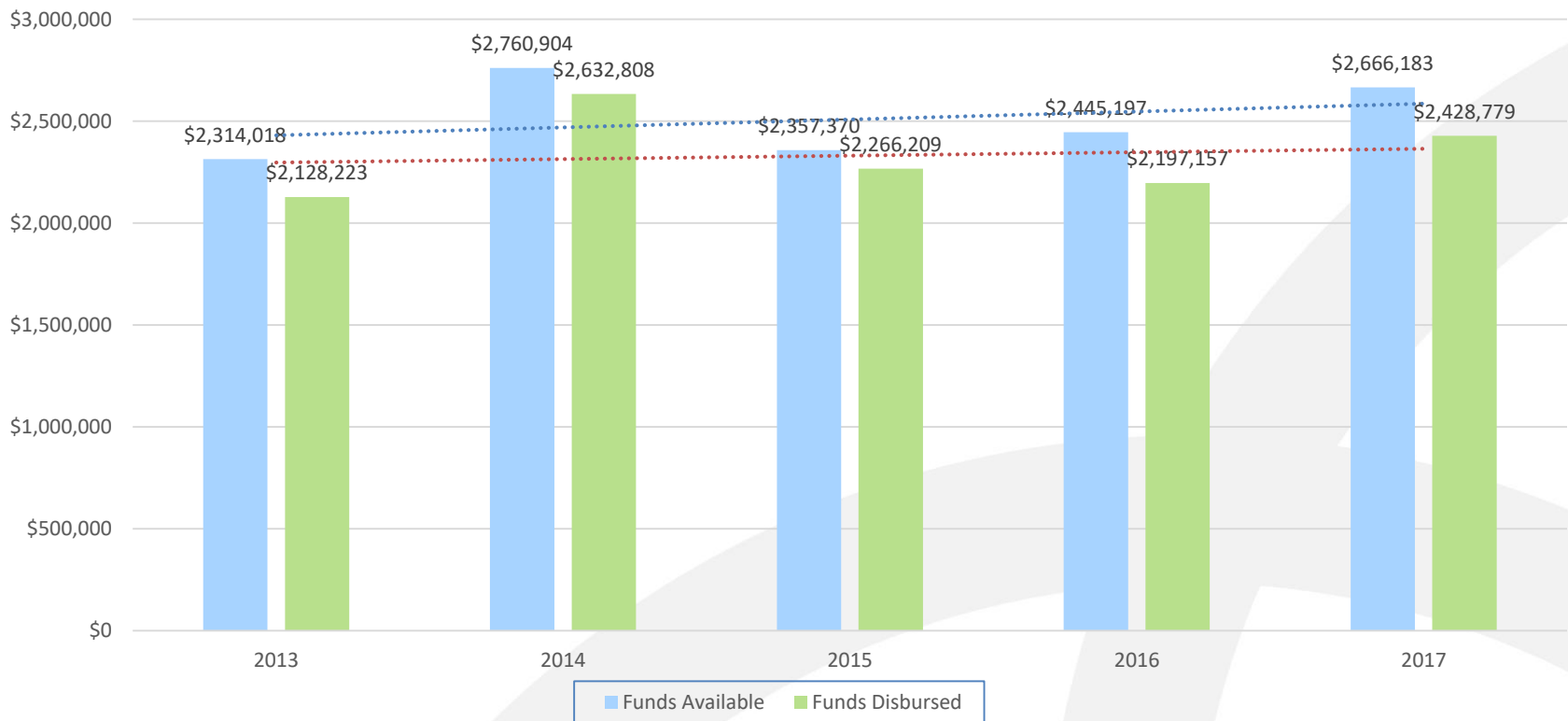
LEAP Funds Available and Disbursed by Electricity Distributors 2013 - 2017

The large increase in funds available in 2015 was due to Hydro One donating \$2.5 million and it has continued to donate significant amounts since then (see page 14)



LEAP* Funds Available and Disbursed by Natural Gas Distributors 2013 - 2017

LEAP* funding for natural gas customers has remained stable for the past 5 years

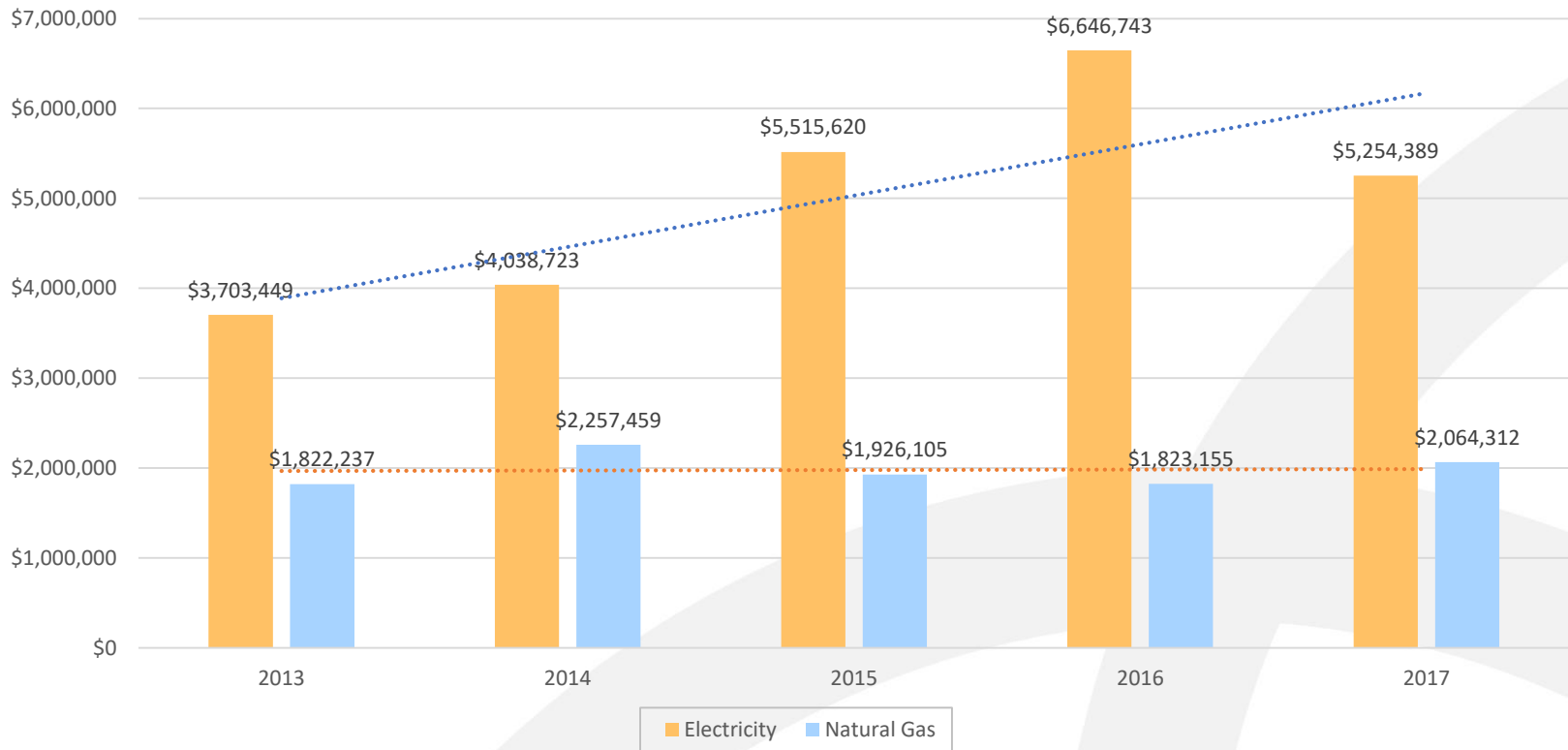


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LEAP* Funds Disbursed to Applicants 2013 – 2017

Over the past 5 years, LEAP* programs provided over \$35 million in emergency grants to low income electricity and natural gas customers**



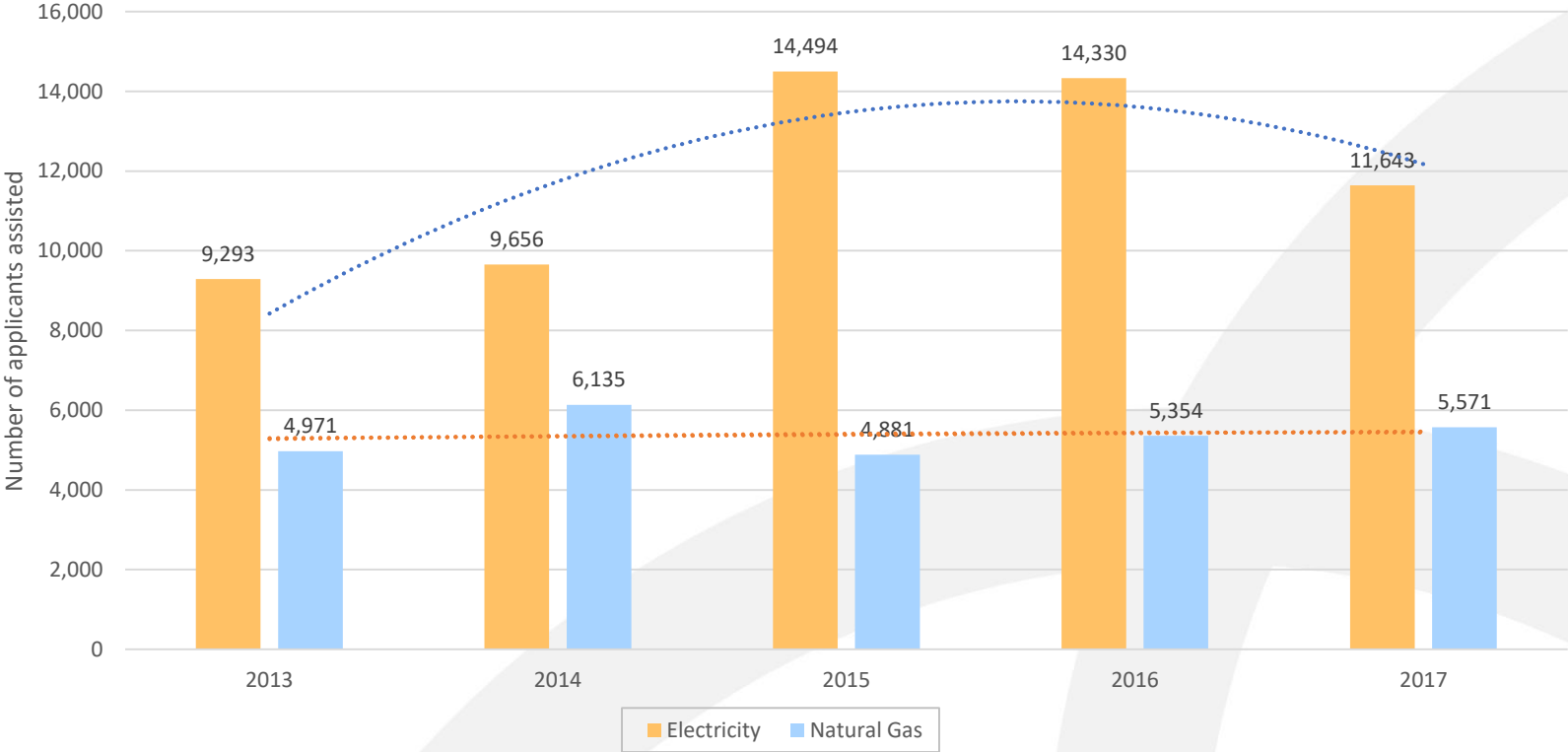
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** Please note that in the 2016 report, in the table LEAP and Winter Warmth Funds Disbursed 2012-2016, the amounts noted included administration costs.



LEAP* Applicants Assisted 2013 – 2017

Over the past 5 years, the LEAP* program has helped over 86,000 low-income electricity and natural gas customers

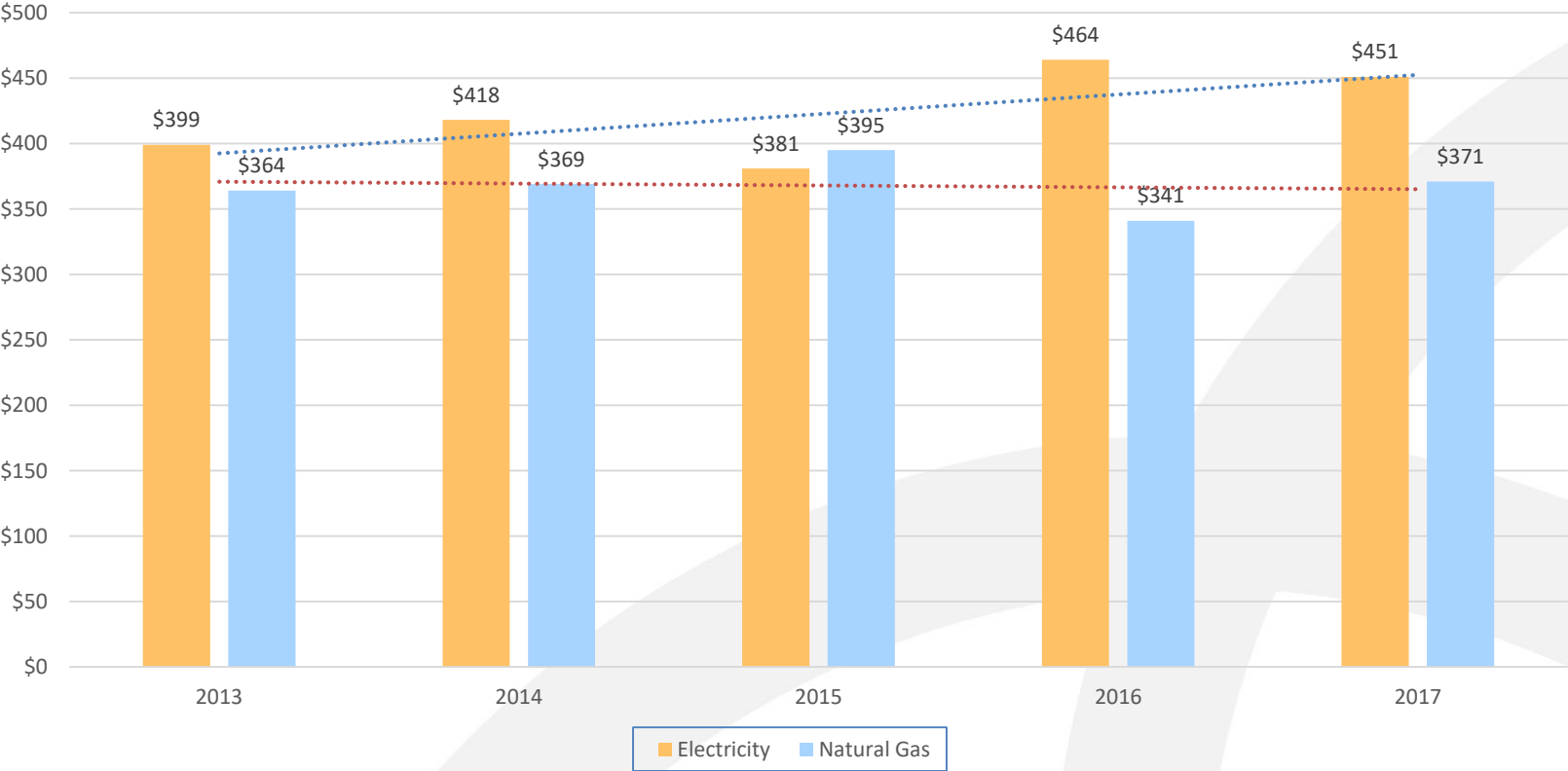


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LEAP* Grant 2013 – 2017: Average Dollar Amount

In the past 2 years, grants for electricity customers have risen to an average \$458 from an average \$399 between 2013 – 2015, whereas for natural gas customers, the average has remained fairly constant at \$368 over the past 5 years



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Detailed Results for Electricity Distributors



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LEAP Results for Electricity Distributors

LEAP EFA	2017	% of Total funds available in 2017	2016
LEAP funds (distributor budget)	\$ 6,407,800	74.4%	\$ 4,797,825
Non-distributor funds (donations)	\$ 1,679,764	19.5%	\$ 2,307,901
Unused funds from previous year	\$ 529,441 *	6.1%	\$ 1,211,465
Total funds available	\$ 8,617,005		\$ 8,317,191
LEAP grants	\$ 5,254,389	61.0%	\$ 6,646,743
Administration cost	\$ 927,695	10.8%	\$ 1,129,869
Funds disbursed	\$ 6,182,084	71.7%	\$ 7,776,612
Funds remaining at year-end (LEAP and donations)	\$ 2,434,921	28.3%	\$ 540,579
Applicants	16,993		20,554
Recipients	11,643		14,330
Customers Denied	5,350		6,224
Average Grant	\$ 451		\$ 464

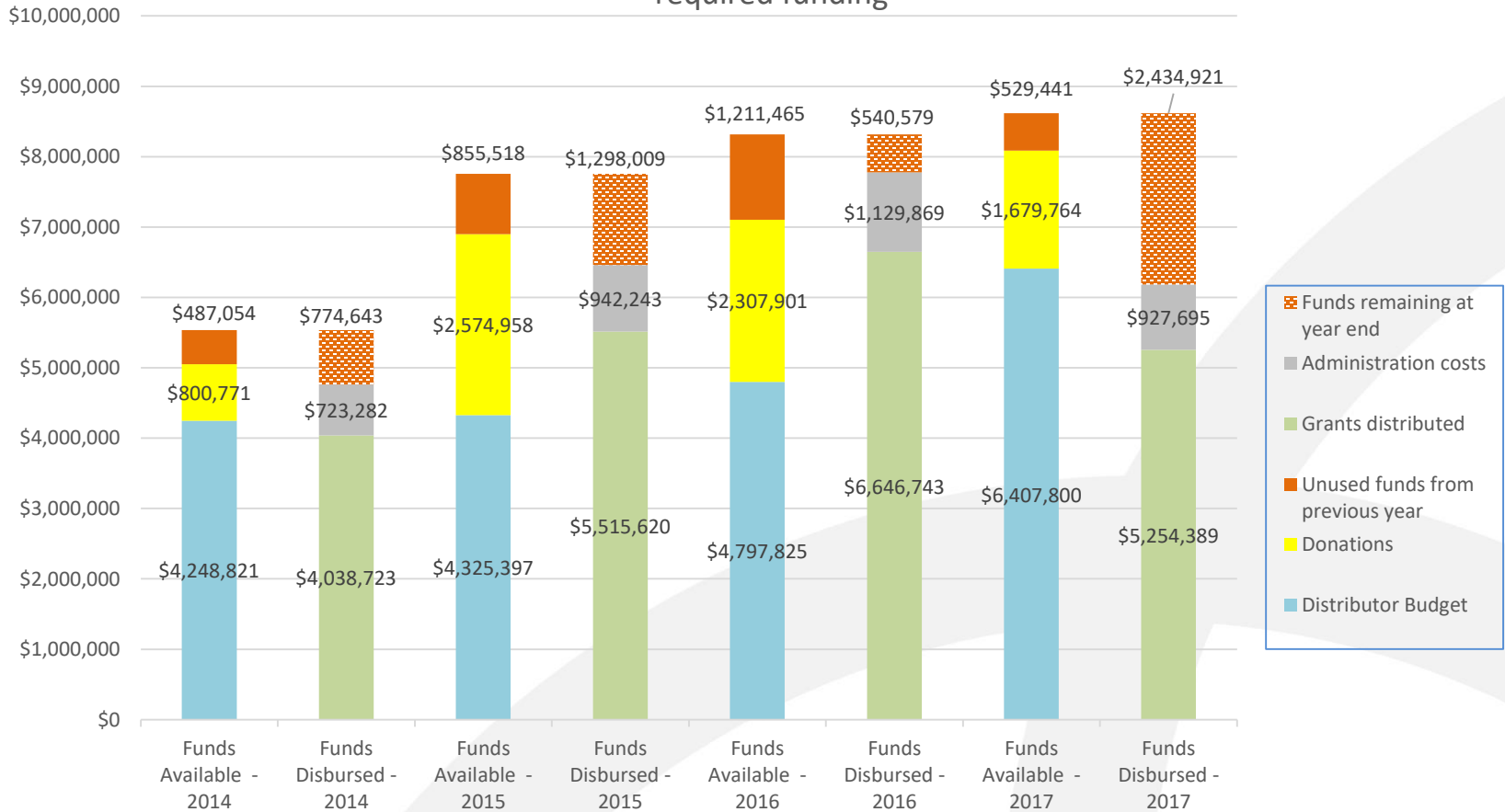
* In 2017, 8 companies reported Unused funds from previous year which did not match their Funds remaining at year-end for 2016



LEAP Results for Electricity Distributors

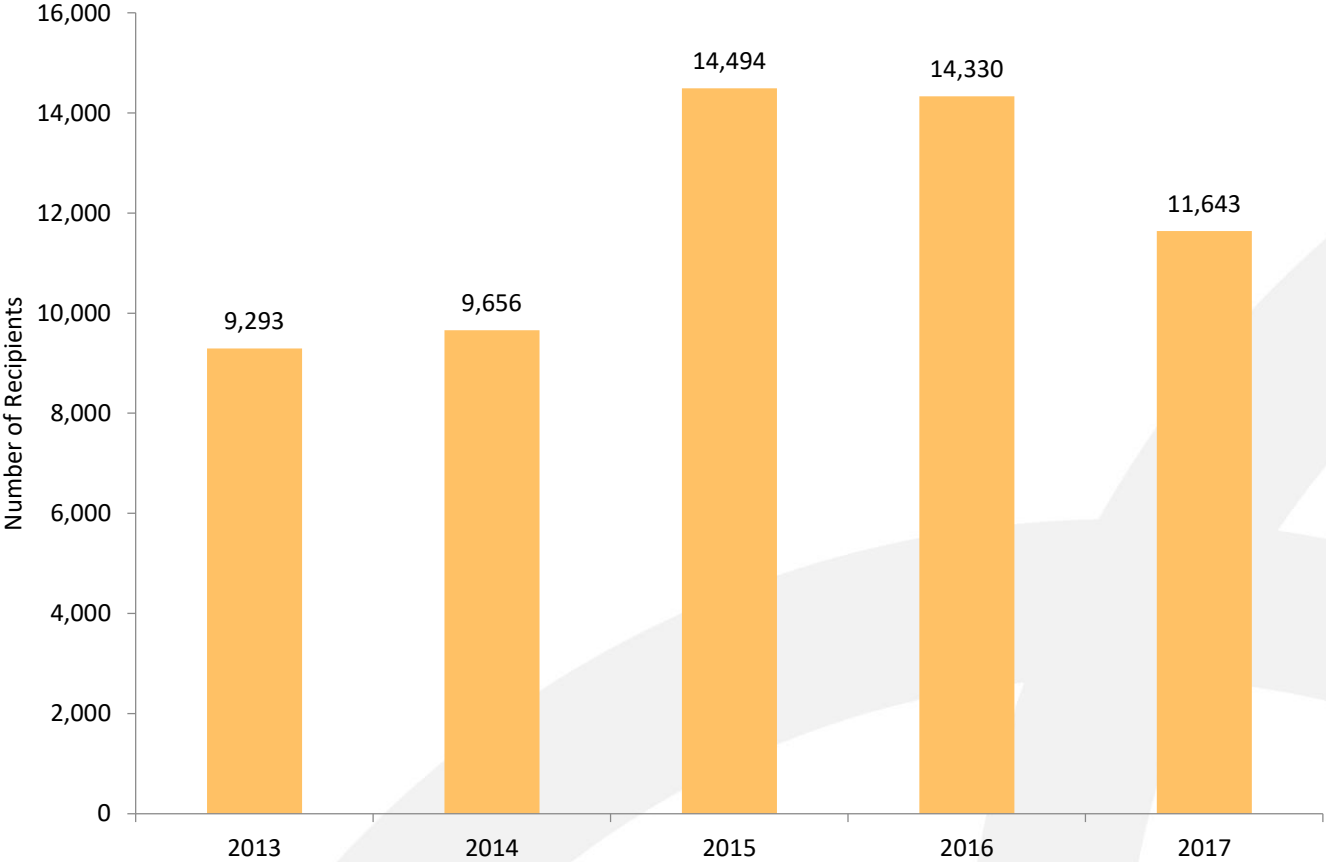
Flow of Funds

For the first time in 4 years, in 2017, grants distributed were less than distributors' required funding



LEAP Results for Electricity Distributors

Number of Recipients 2013 - 2017



LEAP Funds of the Top 10 Distributors by Distribution Revenue - 2017

Distributor	Distributor budget	Non-distributor funds (Donations)	Unused funds from previous year	Funds available*	% of total funds available across all distributors	Grants disbursed	Administration Fees	Recipients	% of recipients across all distributors
Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 3,492,544	\$ 1,607,544	\$ 26,515	\$ 5,126,603	59.5%	\$ 2,867,397	\$ 523,882	5,652	48.5%
Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	810,000		38	810,038	9.4%	647,019	114,199	1,621	13.9%
Alectra Utilities Corporation	635,789		208,754	844,543	9.8%	509,573	87,750	1,227	10.5%
Hydro Ottawa Limited	218,484		80,565	299,049	3.5%	149,106	32,773	380	3.3%
London Hydro Inc.	200,000			200,000	2.3%	170,000	30,000	446	3.8%
Veridian Connections Inc.	64,629		16,492	81,120	0.9%	69,447	10,693	148	1.3%
EnWin Utilities Ltd	56,760			56,760	0.7%	49,665	7,095	128	1.1%
Hydro One Remotes	50,645		139,323	189,967	2.2%	39,230	7,597	77	0.7%
Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	49,000			49,000	0.6%	40,666	7,350	128	1.1%
Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	45,350			45,350	0.5%	37,952	6,803	81	0.7%
Sum (Top 10 Distributors):	5,623,201	1,607,544	471,686	7,702,430	89.4%	4,580,054	828,140	9,888	84.9%
Grand Total (All Distributors):	6,407,800	1,679,764	529,441	8,617,005	100.0%	5,254,389	927,695	11,643	100.0%
% (Top 10 Distributors / All Distributors):	87.8%	95.7%	89.1%	89.4%	89.4%	87.2%	89.3%	84.9%	84.9%

*Funds available is the sum of distributor budget, non-distributor funds (donations) and unused funds from previous year



Distributors Not Charged Administration Costs in 2017 and their Lead Agencies

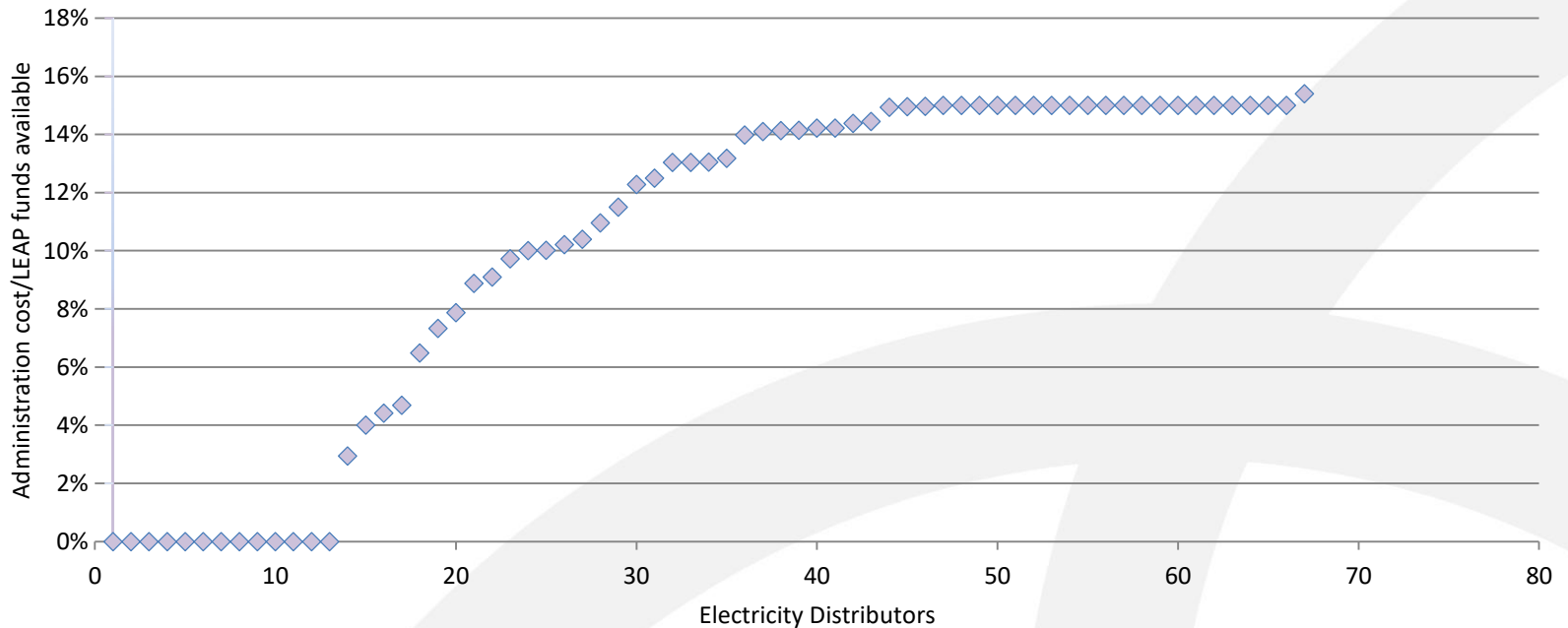
Out of 67 distributors, 13 did not incur social agency administration costs in 2017 - 15 were not charged such costs in 2016

1. Atikokan Hydro Inc. (Rainy River District Social Services Administration Board)
2. Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation (Inn of Good Shepherd)
3. Burlington Hydro Inc. (The Salvation Army, Burlington Community and Family Services)
4. Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation (United Way Sudbury & District, District Social Services Advisory Board)
5. Entegrus Powerlines Inc. (The Salvation Army (Chatham-Kent, and Strathroy)
6. Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution Corporation (The Manitoulin-Sudbury District Services Board)
7. Grimsby Power Incorporated (Grimsby Benevolent Fund)
8. Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited (Cochrane District Social Services Administration Board)
9. Hydro 2000 Inc. (United Counties of Prescott and Russell)
10. Lakefront Utilities Inc. (The Help Centre of Northumberland)
11. Ottawa River Power Corporation (County of Lanark, Social Services Department, and County of Renfrew, Ontario Works)
12. Renfrew Hydro Inc. (County of Renfrew – Social Services (Ontario Works Department))
13. West Coast Huron Energy Inc. (Huron County Social Services)

Administration Cost Analysis

	2017	2016	Change
Total Administration Cost	\$ 927,695	\$ 1,129,869	-\$ 202,174
Administration Cost / Applicant*	\$ 56.13	\$ 57.89	-\$ 1.76

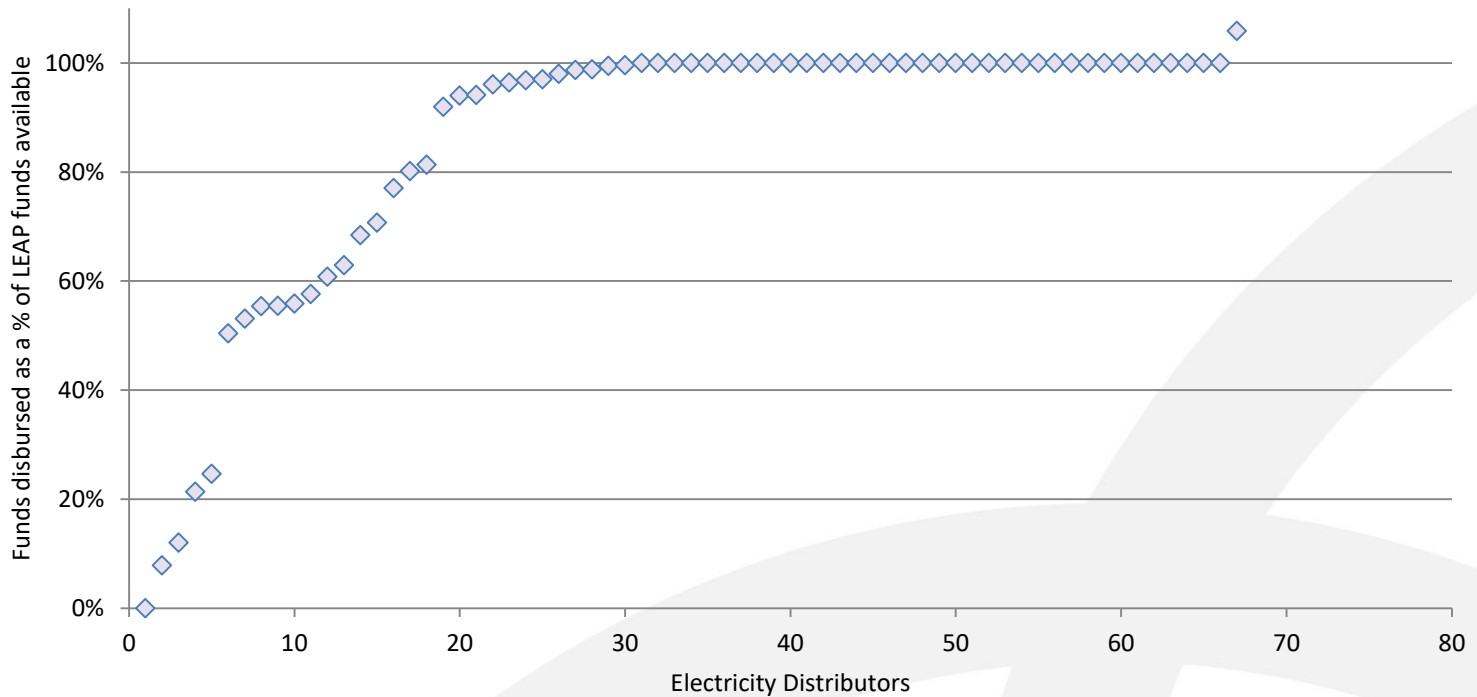
Administration Costs as a Percentage of LEAP Funds Available



* This charge is calculated based only on applicants of distributors who pay administration costs

Percentage of LEAP Funds Disbursed in 2017

LEAP Funds Disbursed as a Percentage of LEAP Funds Available



- 40 distributors had effectively exhausted their LEAP funds (36 disbursed 100% of available funds while 4 reported closing the program due to small balances remaining)
- 27 distributors had funds remaining at year-end available for grants



Distributors that *Fully* Depleted their LEAP Funds in 2017

1. Bluewater Power Distribution Corporation
2. Brantford Power Inc.
3. Burlington Hydro Inc.
4. Centre Wellington Hydro Ltd.
5. Chapleau Public Utilities Corporation
6. COLLUS PowerStream Corp.
7. Cooperative Hydro Embrun Inc.
8. E.L.K. Energy Inc.
9. Entegrus Powerlines Inc.
10. EnWin Utilities Ltd.
11. Espanola Regional Hydro Distribution
12. Essex Powerlines Corporation
13. Greater Sudbury Hydro Inc.
14. Halton Hills Hydro Inc.
15. Hydro Hawkesbury Inc.
16. Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd.
17. Kingston Hydro Corporation
18. Lakeland Power Distribution Ltd.
19. London Hydro Inc.
20. Midland Power Utility Corporation
21. Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd.
22. Niagara Peninsula Energy Inc.
23. Orangeville Hydro Limited
24. Orillia Power Distribution Corporation
25. Oshawa PUC Networks Inc.
26. Ottawa River Power Corporation
27. Peterborough Distribution Incorporated
28. PUC Distribution Inc.
29. Renfrew Hydro Inc.
30. Rideau St. Lawrence Distribution Inc.
31. Sioux Lookout Hydro Inc.
32. Tillsonburg Hydro Inc.
33. Wasaga Distribution Inc.
34. Wellington North Power Inc.
35. West Coast Huron Energy Inc.
36. Westario Power Inc.



Distributors that *Effectively* Depleted their LEAP Funds in 2017

Two distributors reported the month in which they effectively ran out of funds.

Distributors	Unused funds
1. Lakefront Utilities Inc.	\$ 178
2. Festival Hydro Inc.	77
3. Cornwall Street Railway Light and Power (September)	71
4. Energy Plus Inc. (March)	9

Distributors that have LEAP Funds Remaining at Dec 31, 2017

Distributors	Unused funds	Distributors	Unused funds
1. Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 1,735,324	15. Welland Hydro-Electric System Corp.	\$ 5,295
2. Alectra Utilities Corporation	247,220	16. Hearst Power Distribution Company Limited	4,427
3. Hydro One Remote Communities Inc.	143,141	17. Grimsby Power Incorporated	4,153
4. Hydro Ottawa Limited	117,170	18. Fort Francis Power Corporation	1,700
5. Toronto Hydro-Electric System Limited	48,821	19. Atikokan Hydro Inc.	1,380
6. Hydro 2000 Inc.	23,427	20. Whitby Hydro Electric Corporation	1,130
7. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	20,566	21. Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.	984
8. North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	17,674	22. Veridian Connections Inc.	981
9. Waterloo North Hydro Inc.	16,219	23. Canadian Niagara Power Inc.	950
10. Algoma Power Inc.	12,705	24. St. Thomas Energy Inc.	875
11. Guelph Hydro Electric Systems Inc.	8,952	25. Innpower Corporation	731
12. Northern Ontario Wires	8,031	26. Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	596
13. Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	6,345	27. Erie Thames Powerlines Corporation	491
14. Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.	5,430		



Distributors Who Contributed Non-Distributor Funds (Donations) During the Year Reporting Unused Funds Remaining at Dec 31, 2017

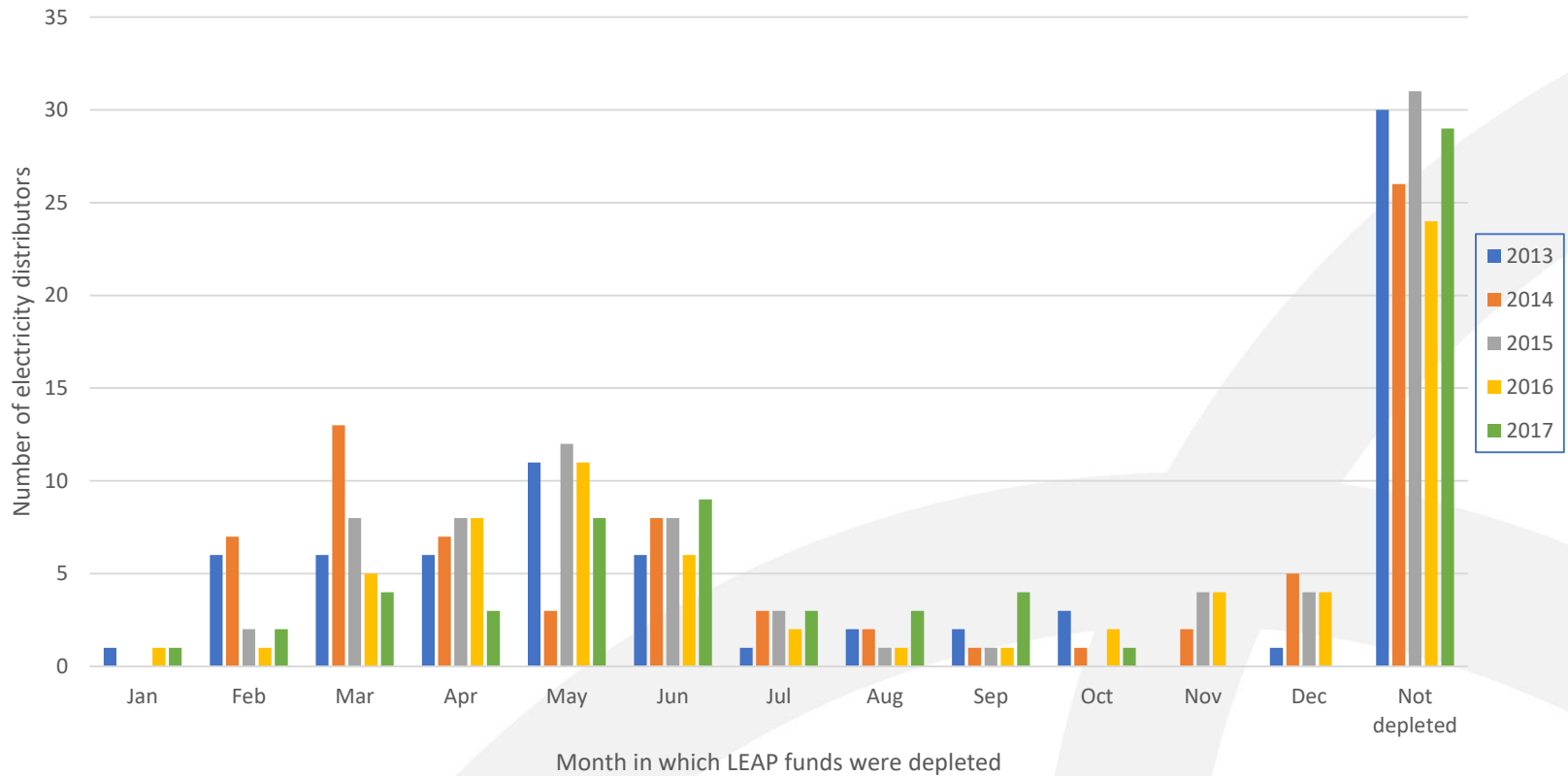
Of the distributors who had funds remaining, 5 had contributed non-distributor funds during the year

Distributors	Non-distributor funds contributed in 2017	Unused funds at Dec 31, 2017
1. Hydro One Networks Inc.	\$ 1,607,544	\$ 1,735,324
2. North Bay Hydro Distribution Limited	26,140	17,674
3. Hydro 2000 Inc.	23,427	23,427
4. Milton Hydro Distribution Inc.	15,100	6,345
5. Niagara-on-the-Lake Hydro Inc.	1,085	20,566

Newmarket-Tay Power Distribution Ltd. and Tillsonburg Hydro Inc. had also contributed non-distributor funds in 2017 which were *fully* exhausted by year end.

Reported Month in Which LEAP Funds Were Depleted

In the past two years, 50% of distributors had reported running out of LEAP funds by August, a shift by two months from June reported in 2014 and 2015

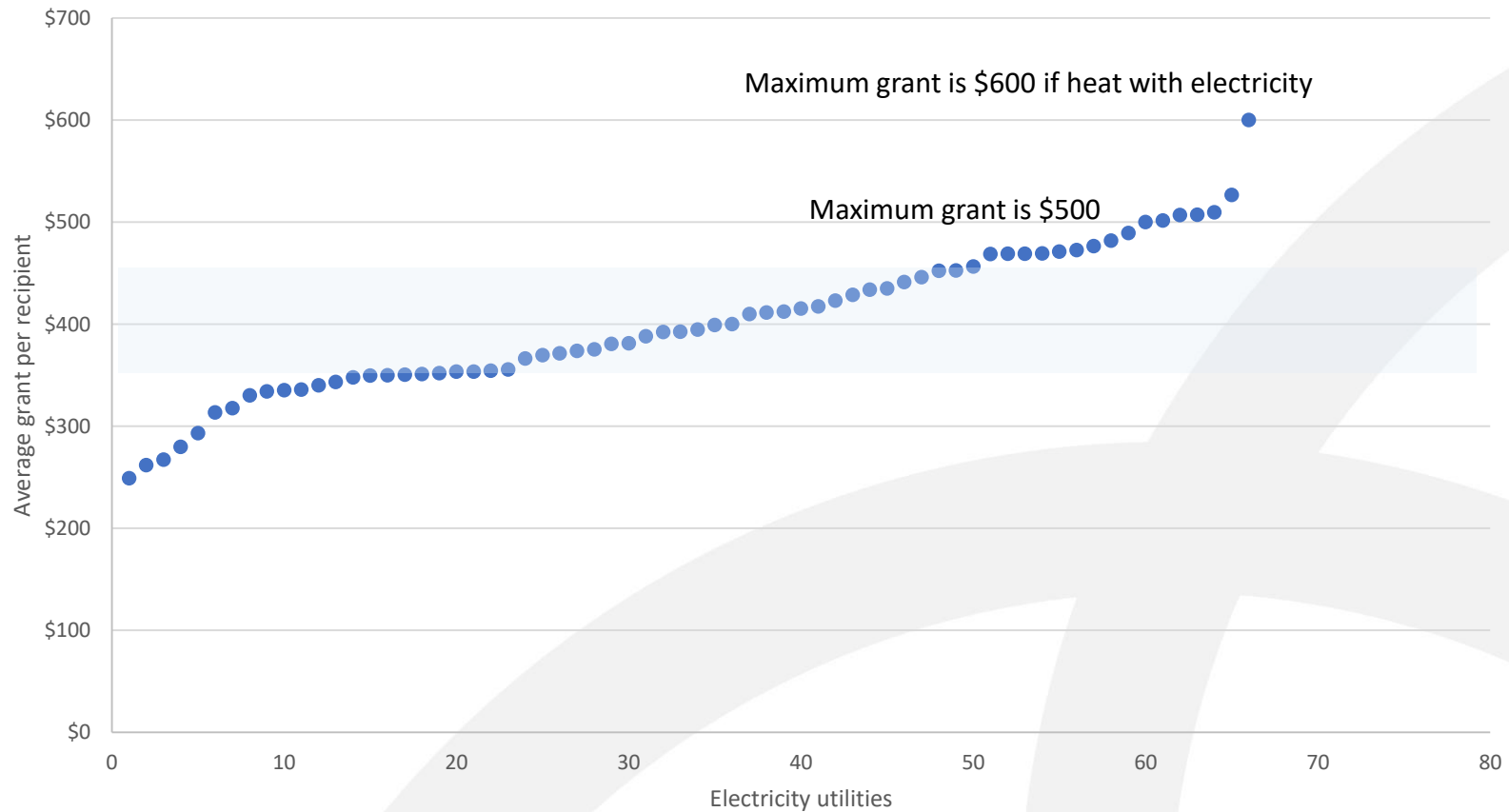


The percentage of companies who reported having LEAP funds remaining at the end of the year increased from 34% in 2016 to 43% in 2017, with the average percentage in the past 5 years being 39%



Average 2017 LEAP Grant Disbursed per Recipient

The majority of grants ranged between \$350 and \$460



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Natural Gas Distributors – Detailed Results



LEAP Results for Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.

	LEAP 2017	% of LEAP funds available in 2017	LEAP 2016
LEAP funds available (distributor budget and unused funds from previous year)	\$ 1,498,176		\$ 1,380,010
LEAP grants disbursed	\$ 1,083,092	72.3%	\$ 1,098,059
Administration costs	\$ 191,134	12.8%	\$ 193,775
Funds disbursed	\$ 1,274,225	85.1%	\$ 1,291,843
Unused funds	\$ 223,951	14.9%	\$ 88,176
Applicants	3,454		5,390
Recipients	3,303		3,444
Applicants denied	151		1,946
Average grant	\$ 328		\$ 319

LEAP and Winter Warmth (WW) Results for Union Gas Limited

	LEAP 2017	% of LEAP funds available in 2017	LEAP and Winter Warmth 2016
LEAP and WW funds available	\$ 1,116,097		\$ 1,012,151
LEAP and WW grants disbursed	\$ 941,554	84.4%	\$ 681,601
Administration costs	\$ 166,157	14.9%	\$ 172,705
Funds disbursed	\$ 1,107,711	99.2%	\$ 854,305
Unused funds	\$ 8,386	0.8%	\$ 157,846
Applicants	2,986		3,039
Recipients	2,173		1,794
Applicants denied	813		1,245
Average grant	\$ 433		\$ 380

LEAP Results for Other Natural Gas Distributors - 2017

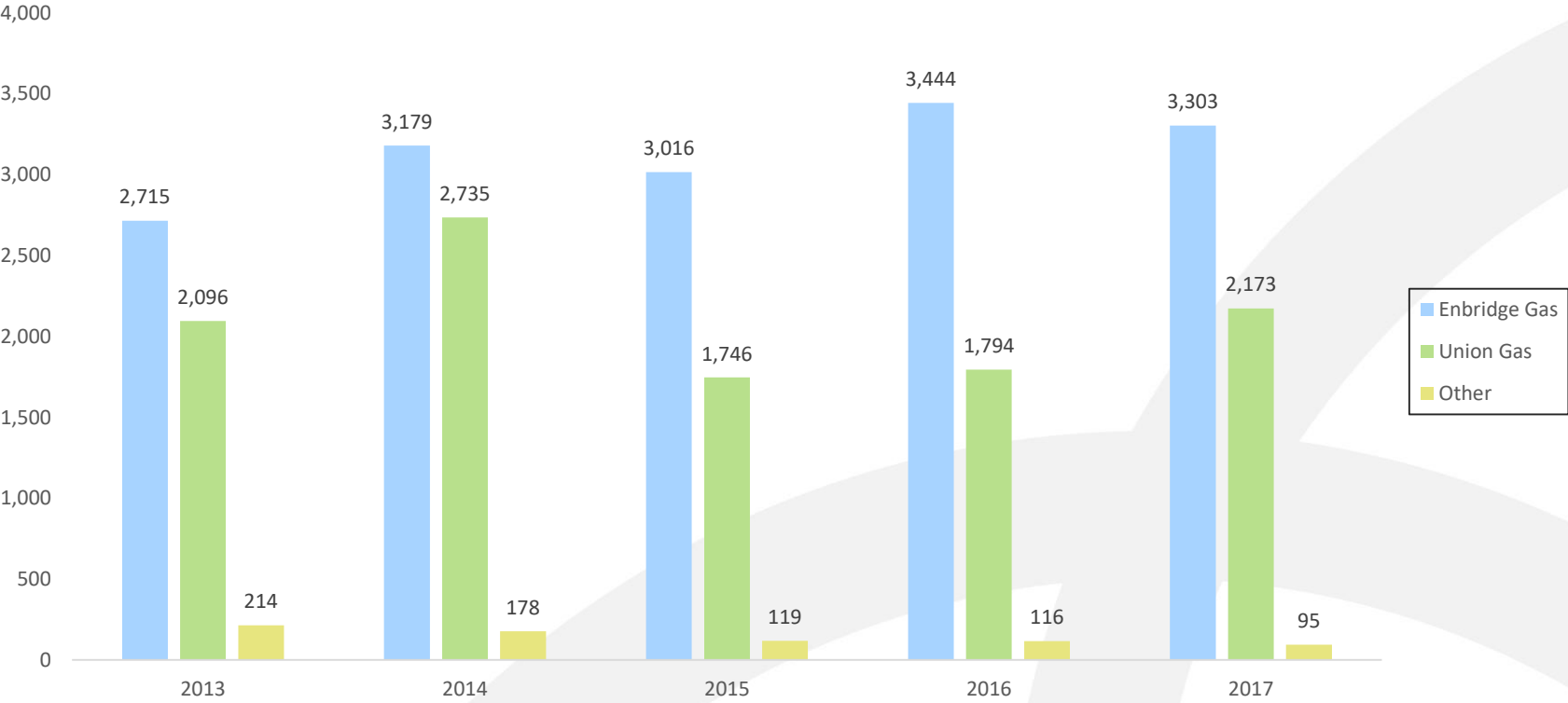
	EPCOR	Kitchener Utilities	Total	% of LEAP funds available in 2017
LEAP funds available	\$ 8,110	\$ 43,800	\$ 51,910	
LEAP grants disbursed	\$ 2,435	\$ 37,230	\$ 39,665	76.4%
Administration costs	\$ 608	\$ 6,570	\$ 7,178	13.8%
Funds disbursed	\$ 3,044	\$ 43,800	\$ 46,843	90.2%
Unused funds	\$ 5,066	\$ 0	\$ 5,066	9.8%
Applicants	10	85	95	
Recipients	10	85	95	
Applicants denied	0	0	0	
Average grant	\$ 244	\$ 438	\$ 418	

Note: Data for Utilities Kingston is unavailable



LEAP* Results for Natural Gas Distributors Number of Recipients 2013 - 2017

The number of Enbridge Gas recipients has been trending slightly higher over time while Union Gas reported a 25% increase in recipients in 2017 from the previous two years



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