

# Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

### What is LIHEAP?

LIHEAP helps low-income families pay their energy bills during times of hardship. It can help cover your heating or cooling costs, and may even help with emergency services such as:

- Emergency lodging
- Replacing or repairing a furnace or central air
- Wood stoves
- Window air conditioners
- Blankets

## How does it work?

LIHEAP can help in two ways:

**The Energy Assistance Program** provides a one-time payment for one fuel type for your home energy cost from October-May. The payment amount is based on the type of energy source used in the home.

The Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) pays or provides services (i.e. blankets, emergency lodging, heating or cooling unit repairs, etc.) up to the amount needed for an emergency. Winter ECIP is available November through May (\$800 maximum benefit) based on funding. Summer ECIP is available June through September (\$600 maximum benefit) based on funding.

# How do I apply?

Apply online at **mydss.mo.gov/utilityassistance/liheap** or call **855-373-4636** to ask a team member to mail you an application.

You will need to submit your completed application to your local contract agency listed on the last page of the LIHEAP application.

### **Income Guidelines**

Household Size	Monthly Income	Yearly Income
1	\$2,535	\$30,419
2	\$3,315	\$39,779
3	\$4,095	\$49,139
4	\$4,875	\$58,499
5	\$5,655	\$67,858
6	\$6,435	\$77,218

For household sizes over 6, add \$128 to the maximum monthly income for each household member.

## **Questions?**

Chat with us at myDSS.mo.gov or visit tinyurl.com/mo-contractedagencies to find your local contracted agency's contact information



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