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The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program will open on November 1, 2021

ATLANTA — The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), administered by the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, will be available November 1, 2021. This federally-funded program assists low-income, elderly and disabled Georgians with heating bills through direct payments to home energy suppliers.

Beginning November 1, 2021, residents aged 65 and older or those who are homebound can apply for assistance through the Department's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. All other eligible residents may apply for assistance beginning December 1, 2021. Funds are administered through local Community Action Agencies on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted.

To qualify, a family's annual income must be less than or equal to 60 percent of the median income for a Georgia family. For a household of one, the income threshold is \$26,474; the income threshold for a household of five is \$59,057.

Those seeking assistance must contact their local Community Action Agencies. All applicants must provide the following:

1. Most recent heating bill or statement of service from their heating providers;
2. Social Security numbers for each member of the household;
3. Proof of Citizenship for each member of the household;
4. Proof of Income for the last 30 days for each adult member of the household;
 - a. Proof of Income can include, but is not limited to, a paycheck stub or a letter granting public assistance, and,
5. Social Security or unemployment benefits for all household members, if applicable.

For more information on the program, contact the Division of Family and Children Services at 404-657-3426. To find a Community Action Agency in your area, visit <http://www.georgiacaa.org>.



**STATE PLAN
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FACT SHEET
2021-2022**

The Division of Family and Children Services will provide assistance through four (5) program elements:

- (1) Regular Energy Assistance Program
- (2) Crisis Intervention Assistance
- (3) Cooling Assistance Program
- (4) Weatherization Element

The **Regular Energy Assistance Program** will provide financial assistance on behalf of and to households meeting three requirements:

- (1) Income at or below 60% of the state median income level for Georgia.

One-Person Household	\$26,474
Two-Person Household	\$34,619
Three-Person Household	\$42,765
Four-Person Household	\$50,911
Five-Person Household	\$59,057
ix-Person Household	\$67,203
Seven-Person Household	\$68,730
Eight-Person Household	\$70,257

***For households with nine or more persons, add \$1,527.00 for each additional family member.**

- (2) Responsibility for paying the cost of energy for the **primary** home heating source.
- (3) U.S. citizenship or legally admitted alien.

This financial assistance will be primarily in the form of locally issued checks to home energy suppliers on behalf of eligible households. The amount of assistance to both homeowners and non-subsidized renters who receive a bill for their fuel cost will depend on the projected total gross annual household income, household size and payment schedule or increased cost of home heating energy. Subsidized housing tenants whose fuel cost is included in their rental payment are ineligible to receive assistance.

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The Regular Energy Assistance benefits will range from \$350 to \$500. This one-time benefit payment is projected to average approximately \$397.67 to approximately 179,258 low-income households. The program will begin to take applications on November 1, 2021, to serve only those households that meet the definition of Medically Homebound or Elderly. The public will be able to apply starting on December 1, 2021.

The program is scheduled to operate until March 31, 2021, or until all funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

Crisis Intervention Assistance is provided to eligible households after the application is completed within 48 hours and within 18 hours in a life-threatening situation. The applications for assistance are taken at accessible locations statewide, and in the homes of those who are homebound and unable to travel to any of the sites. An emergency opening of the Energy Crisis Intervention Program is determined by severe and unusual weather-related conditions, or crisis situations that result in the loss of or potential loss of fuel services. The Governor, or his/her appointee, or the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services declares all weather-related crisis.

The State will ensure that Energy Crisis Intervention funds are available until March 31, 2022. Financial assistance will be in the form of a vendor check written at the local level. The amount of assistance will be determined by household income, which must be at or below 60% of Georgia's Median Income, the household size, and the household need, up to the maximum benefit of \$500 per household. The eligibility guidelines are the same as with the Regular Energy Assistance Program.

Cooling Assistance will only open during the 2022 summer season if funds are made available. The eligibility requirements as described in the Regular Energy Assistance Program will be used for this component. There will be priority placed on the elderly and homebound during the first week of the program. The benefits approved will be in direct money payments to the provider of their cooling source of energy. Fans and air conditioners are not purchased from LIHEAP funds. The eligibility for cooling assistance is not dependent on eligibility for winter heating. Eligibility will be at or below 60% of the state median income level for this program.

Weatherization activities will be furnished to approximately 600 low-income households. The Georgia Environmental Facilities Authority's Division of Energy Resources currently administers the State Weatherization Program. The low-cost residential weatherization activities will provide direct energy-conserving improvements to the homes of low-income citizens to reduce long term home energy consumption. Priority of services, which include installing ceiling insulation, windows, caulking and weather-stripping is given to the elderly and disabled. Local Weatherization assistance services are provided by local nonprofit organizations. The cost for weatherization of each dwelling must not exceed \$7,776. To be eligible, the household's total income must be at or below 200% of poverty level.



FY 2022 LIHEAP Heating and Cooling Eligibility Guidelines

ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME

Household Size	Level I Income (\$450 benefit)		Level II Income (\$350 benefit)		Level III Income Vulnerable Population (Households with elderly aged 60 or over) (\$500 benefit)	
1	\$0	\$17,207	\$17,208	\$26,474	\$0	\$26,474
2	\$0	\$22,502	\$22,503	\$34,619	\$0	\$34,619
3	\$0	\$27,796	\$27,797	\$42,765	\$0	\$42,765
4	\$0	\$33,091	\$33,092	\$50,911	\$0	\$50,911
5	\$0	\$38,386	\$38,387	\$59,057	\$0	\$59,057
6	\$0	\$43,681	\$43,682	\$67,203	\$0	\$67,203
7	\$0	\$44,673	\$44,674	\$68,730	\$0	\$68,730
8	\$0	\$45,666	\$45,667	\$70,257	\$0	\$70,257
9	\$0	\$46,659	\$46,660	\$71,785	\$0	\$71,785
10	\$0	\$47,652	\$47,653	\$73,312	\$0	\$73,312
11	\$0	\$48,644	\$48,645	\$74,839	\$0	\$74,839
12	\$0	\$49,637	\$49,638	\$76,367	\$0	\$76,367
13	\$0	\$50,630	\$50,631	\$77,894	\$0	\$77,894
14	\$0	\$51,623	\$51,624	\$79,421	\$0	\$79,421
15	\$0	\$52,616	\$52,617	\$80,948	\$0	\$80,948
16	\$0	\$53,608	\$53,609	\$82,476	\$0	\$82,476

Payment Assistance Schedule for All Fuel Types	
Income Level	Benefit Amount
Level I	\$450
Level II	\$350
Level III (vulnerable population)	\$500

Source: DHHS LIHEAP-IM-2021-03, July 6, 2021
 Effective: October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022
 Note: GA SMI for 4 person HH is \$84,851; 60% SMI is \$50,911

DO YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR ENERGY BILL?



The Energy Assistance Program is a federally funded program that assists low-income households with their heating bill.

You may be eligible for assistance if your household's total income is at or below:

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUAL INCOME
1 person	\$26,474
2 people	\$34,619
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5 people	\$59,057
6 people	\$67,203
7 people	\$68,730
8 people	\$70,257
For each additional member add \$1,527	

Apply for assistance at your local Community Action Agency and take with you the following documents:

1. Proof of Income for all household members for the past 30 days.
2. Proof of Social Security number for each person in the household.
3. Most recent Gas and Electric Bill for the household.
4. Proof of citizenship or legal immigrant status.

Call 404-657-3426 for additional information

COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY NUMBERS

CENTRAL SAVANNAH RIVER AREA EOA, INC. (CSRA) 706 722-0493; 706 722-2207

Counties served: Burke, Columbia, Emanuel, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Lincoln, McDuffie, Richmond, Screven, Taliaferro, Warren, Wilkes.

CLAYTON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES AUTHORITY, INC. 404 363-0575

Counties served: Clayton, Fayette, Henry.

COASTAL GEORGIA AREA CAA, INC. 912 264-3281

Counties served: Bryan, Camden, Glynn, Liberty, McIntosh

COASTAL PLAIN AREA EOA, INC. 229 244-7860

Counties served: Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift, Turner

COMMUNITY ACTION FOR IMPROVEMENT, INC. 706 884-2651

Counties served: Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Meriwether, Troup

ACTION PACT (formerly CONCERTED SERVICES, INC.) Reidsville 912 557-6687; Waycross 912-285-6083

Waycross: Atkinson, Bacon, Brantley, Charlton, Clinch, Coffee, Pierce, Ware.

Reidsville: Appling, Bulloch, Candler, Effingham, Evans, Jeff Davis, Long, Tattnell, Toombs, Wayne.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY AREA, INC. 912 238-2960

Counties served: Chatham

ENRICHMENT SERVICES PROGRAM, INC. 706 649-1600.

Counties served: Chattahoochee, Clay, Harris, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Stewart, Talbot

FULTON-ATLANTA CAA, INC. 404 320-0166 or 404-320-6715

Counties served: Fulton

HEART OF GEORGIA CAC, INC. 478 374-4301

Counties served: Bleckley, Dodge, Laurens, Montgomery, Pulaski, Telfair, Treutlen, Wheeler, Wilcox.

MACON-BIBB COUNTY EOC, INC. 478 738-3240

Counties served: Bibb

MIDDLE GEORGIA CAA, INC. 478 922-4464

Counties served: Butts, Crawford, Houston, Jones, Lamar, Monroe, Peach, Pike, Twiggs, Upson, Spalding.

NINTH DISTRICT OPPORTUNITY, INC. 770 532-3191

Counties served: Banks, Barrow, Clarke, Dawson, Elbert, Forsyth, Franklin, Habersham, Hall, Hart, Jackson, Lumpkin, Madison, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Rabun, Stephens, Towns, Union, White.

NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. 706 692-5644

Counties served: Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Dade, Fannin, Gilmer, Murray, Pickens, Walker, Whitfield.

OVERVIEW, INC. 478 453-4111

Counties served: Baldwin, Greene, Hancock, Jasper, Johnson, Morgan, Putnam, Washington, Wilkinson.

PARTNERSHIP FOR COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. 404 537-4300

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WEST CENTRAL GEORGIA CAA, INC. 478 472-3607

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NECESITA AYUDA CON SUS FACTURAS DE ENERGIA?



El programa de asistencia de energía para hogares de bajos ingresos (LIHEAP) puede ayudarle a usted y su familia a mantenerse seguros y sanos.

Usted podría calificar si los ingresos de su hogar se ajustan a la siguiente tabla:

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Por cada miembro adicional añada \$1527	

Solicite asistencia en su oficina local de LIHEAP

REQUISITOS:

- Prueba de ingresos de los últimos 30 días de todos los miembros de su hogar.
- Pruebas de los números de seguro social de cada persona que vive en su casa.
- Recientes facturas de calefacción.
- Comprobación de nacionalidad estadounidense o residencia permanente.

PARA OBTENER MAYOR INFORMACIÓN SOBRE LIHEAP

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