

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
PY22 LIHEAP/PIPP/LIHWAP/WEATHERIZATION

Northwestern Illinois Community Action Agency, as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Stephenson and Jo Daviess Counties, is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills, furnace assistance for homeowners, and emergency water bill assistance.

The LIHEAP program began September 1, 2021 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2022. All income-eligible households are encouraged to apply.

Applicants may apply for a DVP payment or the PIPP program. The Direct Vendor Payment (DVP) provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible households to gas or propane and electric utilities and for reconnection assistance.

Applicants with ComEd and /or Nicor Gas as utility providers may have the option of choosing the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) instead of the DVP. The PIPP program is a bill payment program that assists eligible customers by paying a monthly state benefit while the customer pays a monthly payment based on a percentage of their household income. PIPP applications will be taken on a first-come first served basis until March 31, 2022 or until NICAA has reached maximum capacity of households for the program.

LIHWAP assistance with a one-time payment on their water/sewer bills is available for approved LIHEAP/PIPP applicants with one of the following conditions: water service disconnected or imminent disconnection, or past due water/sewer bill of \$250 or more.

Please call the office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 between 8:00a.m. to 3:30p.m. to receive an application packet. Completed application packets and documents may be submitted by mail, email, drop box, or fax. Limited appointments for special needs may be made.

INCOME GUIDELINES

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>30 Day Income</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>30 Day Income</u>	
1	\$2,147	6	\$5,930	
2	\$2,903	7	\$6,590	For more than 11 household
3	\$3,660	8	\$6,737	members, please add \$568 for each
4	\$4,417	9	\$6,883	additional person
5	\$5,173	10	\$7,029	
		11	\$7,285	

**** To submit an application, you MUST submit ALL of the required documents. ****

- Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without an SSN or ITIN can still apply and NICAA will advise
- Proof of all gross income for all household members for 30 days prior and including the application date such as pay check stubs, SSA/SSI/SSD income, pension/retirement statements, unemployment reports, child support, TANF/AABD/Township GA assistance, self-employment reports and proof of zero income.
- Complete current heat and electric bills issued within the last 30 days
- Complete current water/sewer bill for emergency water bill assistance
- Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment

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