

NORTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY
PY23 ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

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 through the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric heating bills.

The LIHEAP program will begin September 1, 2022 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come first-served basis through May 31, 2023 or until funding is exhausted. There will be no priority groups this program year. **Households in need are encouraged to apply.**

Due to funding limitations, there will be NO NEW enrollments in the PIPP program this year.

Applicants may apply for a Direct Vendor Payments (DVP) which provides a one-time benefit payment for income eligible homeowners and renters to gas or propane and electric vendors to help with home utility bills and for reconnection assistance. Households must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines listed below to receive a benefit from LIHEAP.

INCOME GUIDELINES

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>30 Day Income</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>30 Day Income</u>	
1	\$2,265	6	\$6,198	
2	\$3,052	7	\$6,985	For more than 11 household members, please add \$590 for each additional person
3	\$3,838	8	\$7,324	
4	\$4,625	9	\$7,484	
5	\$5,412	10	\$7,643	
		11	\$7,802	

Please call the Freeport office at 815-232-3141 or 800-883-1111 to receive information on how to receive a pre-application packet. Completed pre-application packets and required documents listed below may be submitted for processing by mail, email, drop box or fax. Appointments will be made for those needing help with the packet.

**** 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..
- Copy of current lease if any utilities are included in the rent payment.

LIHWAP water and sewer bill assistance funding is exhausted.

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