

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

For many Illinois households, energy costs place a severe and continuing stress on the family's budget. The LIHEAP program helps eligible, low-income households pay for energy services.

LIHEAP will supply a one-time benefit to eligible households to be used for energy account(s). The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, fuel type.

An overdue bill or shut off notice is not needed to be eligible. Your source of fuel does not have to be natural gas or electricity to receive help.

Emergency Reconnection Assistance may be available if your household has received a disconnection notice, has been disconnected from an energy source needed for heating and/or your delivered fuel supplier has refused to deliver, and the tank holds 25% or less.

Reconnection Assistance is only available with current proof of disconnection notice, or didn't receive the extra assistance with your original LIHEAP application, and funding is still available.

The LIHEAP program also includes an Emergency Furnace program for homeowners. The non-working furnace will be repaired or replaced for households that are income eligible for the LIHEAP program.

The homeowner must occupy the residence and be able to supply their current tax bill, most recent mortgage statement, property deed, or title and be a resident of McHenry County. There could be other required documents based on your household.



McHenry County Housing Authority

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LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program & Emergency Furnace Program for Homeowners

(See back page for more details)

Enrollment for the 2027 program year begins October 1st, with priority to older adults (60+), families that receive social security disability income, households that are disconnected or have disconnection notices and families with children aged 5 and under. November 1st all income qualified households may apply

PY2027 - October 1st, 2026
-August 13th, 2027*

*unless funding is exhausted sooner.

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Who is eligible?

You may be eligible to receive help under the LIHEAP program if your household's combined income is at or below the following levels shown in the charts. If your heat and/or electric utilities are included in your rent, you may still apply.

Family Size	Nicor and/or ComEd households gross Income for 30 days prior to your application date
1	\$3,990
2	\$5,410
3	\$6,830
4	\$8,250
5	\$9,670
6	\$11,090

Family Size	Propane heat households gross Income for 30 days prior to your application date
1	\$3,441
2	\$4,500
3	\$5,558
4	\$6,617
5	\$7,676
6	\$8,735

Applicants must have the following information available at their telephone appointment:

1. Proof of income for all household members, even children, who receive SSA and/ or SSI benefits for the 30 days prior to the day of their appointment. All income that comes into the household is looked at.
2. Current Utility Bills-gas, electric, fuel oil, propane.
3. Social Security cards for all household members. If you have a prior approved application, we may be able to verify your social security numbers.
4. Rental Agreement, Lease, or Computation Sheet may be required.
5. *Other items may be required to process your application*

McHenry County Housing Authority will take applications for the LIHEAP program by telephone appointment, Online application, (Starting December 1st, 2026) which can be accessed at our website below, and on scheduled walk-in day(s). You have two choices to make your telephone appointment:

After November 1st, Online at:
www.mchenrycountyhousing.org

Call the McHenry County Housing Authority LIHEAP line (815)308-6057.

Being approved for LIHEAP benefits will automatically enroll you in Nicor and/or ComEd's Low Income Discount rate program. Based on your income, you will receive a monthly discount on the usage portion of your bill. You must apply yearly for LIHEAP to receive the discount rate.

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