

IOWA LIHEAP INFORMATION

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to assist low-income individuals or families in meeting the cost of home heating. This program is funded through the Iowa Department of Human Rights and has been established to help qualifying low-income Iowa homeowners and renters pay for a portion of their primary heating costs, whether by *natural gas, electricity, liquid propane, fuel oil, wood, coal or corn.*

WHEN TO APPLY

Applications for the elderly (over 60) and the disabled will be taken starting October 1, 2017 for the 2017-2018 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. All others may sign up between November 1, 2017 and April 30, 2018, Monday through Friday, or as posted at the local office.

ELIGIBILITY

A household may qualify for assistance in this program if the household's income falls within the income range listed below. This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs, but to provide assistance in the payment of residential heating costs for eligible households. At the time you apply, provided you have brought all necessary documentation with you, you will be told whether you are eligible and if so, for what amount you might qualify. This initial determination is subject to review and totally dependent on the availability of federal funds. In most cases, benefits will be in the form of a credit applied to your heating bills by your utility company. Households who reside in subsidized housing that are individually metered and responsible for paying their primary heating costs are eligible. Subsidized households that are master metered are usually not eligible to receive assistance benefits. Residents of any licensed medical facility (hospital, skilled nursing facility or intermediate care facility), publicly operated community residence or emergency shelter are ineligible unless they are paying a vendor directly for their primary heating source. The assistance is based on household income, household size, type of fuel and other factors.

The total household income for an applicant must be at or below 175 percent of the 2017 federal poverty guidelines which are listed below:

Household Size	INCOME MAXIMUMS	
	30-Day Gross Income	Annual Gross Income
1 person	\$1,759	\$21,105
2 people	\$2,368	\$28,420
3 people	\$2,978	\$35,735
4 people	\$3,588	\$43,050
5 people	\$4,197	\$50,365
6 people	\$4,807	\$57,680
7 people	\$5,416	\$64,995
8 people	\$6,026	\$72,310

For households with more than eight members, add \$610 per 30 days or \$7,315 annually for each additional member.

WHAT TO TAKE

- **Proof of income** for all household members age 19 and over. This could be shown with three months of check stubs, award letter from Social Security or recent tax returns.
- **Social Security numbers for all household members**
- **Most recent heat bill**
- **Most recent electric bill**

FIXED INCOME

This income may include: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income, Family Investment Program income, Veterans' Assistance, Unemployment Insurance and/or pensions. Please bring copies of your most recent three months' check stubs.

WAGE EARNERS

Bring copies of your check stubs for the three months preceding the date of application, or a copy of your most recent federal income tax return.

SELF-EMPLOYMENT/FARMERS:

A copy of your most recent federal income tax return must be submitted as proof of income. If you receive interest or dividend income, alimony or child support, it will also need to be verified.

FIP RECIPIENTS

Please bring your current DHS Notice of Decision or contact your local office for acceptable document information.

For more information or to apply, please contact:

Para más información o para aplicar por favor contacto:

New Opportunities – Family Development Center

2810 1st Street, Perry, IA 50220

515-465-5185, www.NewOpp.org

For referral to other agencies or programs, call 211.

OTHER GAS AND HEATING NOTES

NOTICE OF PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM, OR REGISTERING COMPLAINTS WITH, WAUKEE MUNICIPAL GAS

Persons desiring to request information from or register complaints with the City of Waukee Gas Department may do so by contacting:

John Gibson
Waukee Public Works
805 University Avenue
Waukee, IA 50263
515-978-7922, jgibson@Waukee.org



If the utility has not been able to help you with your problem concerning gas service, you may contact the Iowa Utilities Board:

Iowa Utilities Board
1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69
Des Moines, IA 50319-0069
1-877-565-4450, customer@iub.iowa.gov

ADD A P.S. TO HELP A NEIGHBOR!



Project Share is a plan, created by your municipal utility, to assist households in need with paying their wintertime energy bills. You can help by adding a regular

P.S. contribution to your monthly utility payment or by making a direct donation to Project Share. These funds will then be distributed to neighbors in need for wintertime energy costs.

Those qualifying for help will be carefully identified by an area social service agency. A local committee will oversee Project Share to guarantee all contributions will be handled equitably and efficiently. Adding PS – Project Share to your utility payment each month is a simple way to share some warmth with those in need.

Please call 575-978-7922 with any questions.

Dear Gas Department,

I would like to help a neighbor in need with a tax-deductible contribution to Project Share.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Phone: _____

Account #: _____

I will contribute \$_____ per month to Project Share. I understand this amount will be billed to me monthly.

I have enclosed a \$_____ donation.

RETURN FORM TO:
Waukee Utility Billing
230 W. Hickman Road, Waukee, IA 50263