

LIHEAP

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

EA

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ECIP

ENERGY CRISIS INTERVENTION

LIHEAP is the program that provides low income families assistance in their home energy bills. Under LIHEAP are two programs, EA and ECIP.

EA - Energy Assistance: EA is a once per year payment paid directly to the participating vendor of your primary heat source. Paid directly to the client if the vendor is a non-participant. To qualify for EA a person must fill out an application and then be processed to determine edibility. EA starts October 1st and runs through March 31st. Only the elderly and disabled are able to complete applications from October 1st through October 31st.

ECIP – Energy Crisis Intervention Program: ECIP is used to prevent a disconnect of services. ECIP is pledged and paid to the vendor only. There are no ECIP payments that to the client. You must have a shut off notice to be eligible for ECIP, unless you are tank propane, then you must be below 10%. A client that qualified for EA will automatically qualify for ECIP as long as they have not moved, or as long as they are deemed eligible. They can receive up to \$800 in winter ECIP funds as long as there is funding to pay. They can come in as often as they have a shut off notice as long as they have not exhausted their funds, and as long as we have funds. Summer ECIP is still \$300.

Please contact the Sikeston office at 471-4114 for more information. Scott County residents only.