

Florida Department of Community Affairs

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, through a network of local governments and nonprofit agencies, assists low-income households in meeting the costs of home heating and cooling. The majority of the funds are used for utility payment assistance. This is a federally funded program administered by the

2007-2008 PROSPECTIVE

- Over 73,000 households assisted.
- 78 percent of households served had incomes below the federal poverty level.
- 33 percent of households served included an elderly person.
- 26 percent of households served included a disabled person.
- 26 percent of households served included a child under 5 years of age.

2007-2008 FEDERAL FUNDS

\$30.4 Million received from U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

For the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, the household income may not be more than 150 percent of the federal poverty level. If the household's income is greater than this amount, the applicant may still be eligible because some types of income are not counted. Applicants must apply for assistance with the local Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program provider in the county in which they live. Applicants seeking assistance must provide proof of household income, as well as proof (for example, a utility bill or lease agreement) that they are responsible for paying all or part of their household energy costs.

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE

The program has three categories of assistance: home energy assistance, crisis assistance, and weather related or supply-shortage emergency assistance. Each category has unique requirements and may cover:

HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE

- Utility Bill Payment

CRISIS AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Utility Bill Payment
- Utility Deposits
- Fees for Restoring Power
- Repair or replacement of heating and cooling equipment

WHERE TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

To receive home energy assistance, you must apply to the agency serving the county in which you live. A list of the agencies is on the Department of Community Affairs' website at:

www.FloridaCommunityDevelopment.org/liheap

You may also call the Department of Community Affairs at 850-488-7541.

2009-2010 Household Income Guidelines	
Number of People in Household	Maximum Annual Household Income
1	\$16,245
2	\$21,855
3	\$27,465
4	\$33,075
5	\$38,685
6	\$44,295
7	\$49,905
8	\$55,515
For each additional member of the household add \$5,610	



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