

# What is LIHEAP?

The LIHEAP program is designed to assist low-income citizens by offsetting the rising cost of home energy through direct financial assistance, energy counseling, outreach and education. According to funding availability, ERBA will offer three types of LIHEAP assistance:

- 1. Energy Assistance:** These one-time payments will apply to all income eligible households. Applicants must prove they are low income and responsible for their home heating costs. Payments are determined by household size, fuel type, and geographic location.
- 2. Emergency Services:** Payments will apply to eligible households that are disconnected from their utility or where their supplier has refused to deliver fuel.
- 3. Emergency furnace repair** to restore a home heating source.

**Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).** If Ameren is one of your utilities, we also have the PIPP program, which offers a monthly benefit with an affordable client payment. Please contact your local office for more details.

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# Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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# Who Can Apply?

If your household's combined income for the 30 days prior to application is at or below 150% of the federal poverty level as shown in the chart to the right, you may be eligible to receive assistance. Your gas and/or electric bills must be in your name or an adult member of your household's name. If you rent, and your heat and/or electric is included in the rent, your rent must be greater than 30% of your income in order to be eligible to receive assistance. The program runs September 1, 2016– May 31, 2017, or when funds are exhausted.

# What are the Guidelines?

For the 2017 Program Year

September 2016– May 2017

Family Size	150% 30 day income
1	\$1,485
2	\$2,003
3	\$2,520
4	\$3,038
5	\$3,555
6	\$4,073
7	\$4,591
8	\$5,111
9	\$5,631
10	\$6,151

For families with more than 10 members please add \$520 for each additional household member.

# What else do I need to know?

We have two priority periods within the LIHEAP program year.

If you are over 60, or receiving payments from Social Security for a disability, you may apply for services in September.

If you have a child in your household under 6, or are disconnected from your utility, you may apply for services starting in October.

If you do not meet any of the above requirements but are under the income guidelines, you may apply starting in November.

You will need to bring:

- ◆ Social Security CARDS for everyone in the household.
- ◆ All income, including child support, for the past 30 days for everyone in the household.
- ◆ Most recent gas and/or electric bill..
- ◆ Disconnection notice, if you are disconnected or in threat of disconnection.
- ◆ **PROPANE clients:** please check your tank before your appointment. 25% or below is considered to need emergency assistance.