

HEATING ASSISTANCE

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LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

The purpose of the LIEAP is to provide home energy assistance to eligible low income households. The program is funded by the Federal Government and administered through the South Dakota Department of Social Services. The awards are based on the household's income, number of people in the household, type of heating fuel used, and the location of the home.

Montana-Dakota encourages completing and submitting an application today for the federal energy assistance program in order to begin receiving benefits this heating season, which runs from October 1 through May 15.

The application form is available to download from the South Dakota Department of Social Services website, <https://dss.sd.gov/formsandpubs/docs/ENERGY/energyassistanceapplication.pdf>.

Once the application is completed, please scan and email to dssheat@state.sd.us OR mail all verifications to:

**South Dakota Department of Social Services
Office of Energy Assistance
910 East Sioux Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501**

Applicants may also call the State office at **800-233-8503**.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

- Households who buy heating fuel from a fuel dealer or utility company, and households whose rent payments include the cost of heat, if they do not receive a rental subsidy.
- Households who need assistance with: non-repairable furnaces and fuel costs that are high due to houses that are older or in poor shape.
- Households experiencing difficulty paying fuel bills due to other rising costs and are in danger of losing their heating source.

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WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

Heating Assistance: LIEAP can pay for a portion of fuel used to heat the home lived in during the months the household is eligible between October 1 and May 15.

Weatherization: The weatherization program helps income-qualified households make their homes and apartments more energy efficient. Weatherization seals a home to keep warm air in and cold air out during the winter.

Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP):

Households may qualify for the ECIP if they have not already been approved to receive heating assistance and are in a crisis situation such as:

- Have a shut-off or disconnection scheduled to occur between October 1 and March 31.
- Have an eviction notice for non-payment if heat is included in the rent.

To determine ECIP qualification, one must fill out the application form and submit it to:

Office of Energy Assistance

910 E. Sioux Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

CHURCH RESPONSE BILL ASSISTANCE

Church Response is a private nonprofit organization established to help people in hardship circumstances with energy-related emergencies. Assistance is available to people with energy emergencies when no other resources are available to them and when these emergencies are caused by circumstances beyond their control. For more information contact Church Response at 605-342-5360.



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