



# ENERGY



Crisis Intervention Program (CIP),  
Low-Income Energy Assistance  
Program (LIEAP)



# Crisis Intervention Program

The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) is a federally funded program that assists individuals and families who are experiencing a heating or cooling related crisis.

A household is considered to be in a crisis if it is currently experiencing or is in danger of experiencing no heating or cooling source or has a disconnect notice for the primary heating or cooling service and the health or well being of a household member would be in danger if the heating or cooling crisis was not alleviated.

Households can apply for CIP multiple times per year if needed. However, the maximum amount available per household is \$600 per fiscal year.

CIP is a year-round program. Applications are accepted July 1 through June 30 or until the CIP allocation is exhausted, whichever comes first.



# Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

LIHWAP is a federally funded program that provides assistance to low-income households to prevent disconnection or provides assistance with reconnection of drinking and wastewater.

There are 3 priority groups:

- **Group 1:** Water services disconnected
  - **Group 2:** Jeopardy of water services being disconnected
  - **Group 3:** Current water services bills and need assistance to maintain services
- ❖ Groups 1 and 2 will be served first and if funds are available Group 3 will be served after Groups 1 and 2 are completed.
  - ❖ Applications are accepted July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 or until the funds are exhausted, whichever comes first.

# Low Income Energy Assistance Program

LIEAP is the LOW- INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

LIEAP is a seasonal program to assist with higher heating utility costs during the colder winter months of the year. Each year applications for LIEAP are taken from December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> or until funds are exhausted.

Seniors, age 60 and older, or disabled individuals receiving services through DAAS (Division of Aging and Adult Services) are given priority to apply for and receive LIEAP benefits in December.

All other households can apply beginning January

Depending on the household's primary heating source, the benefit amount will be \$300, \$400 or \$500

Household's do not have to be behind on the heating bills to apply.

# Pandemic LIEAP

- As result of the state budget being passed, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds will be used for a pandemic automatically authorized payment for households with
  - Seniors, ages 60 and or older, and Disabled individuals receiving services thru DAAS, are FNS recipients and received a LIEAP payment within the last fiscal year.
  - Children ages 0-10 that are receiving FNS and received LIEAP last Fiscal Year.




# FY22 Energy Benefits Issued

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Crisis  
Intervention  
Program



Low Income  
Energy Assistance  
Program



**LIHWAP**  
LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD  
WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM  
MECKLENBURG COUNTY, NC

# Energy Allocations Spent

Program	Allocation	Applications Taken	Applications Approved	Amount of Allocation Spent
LIEAP (Standard)	\$3,343, 394	10,736	5867 (54%)	\$3,343,394**
Pandemic LIEAP** (Automatic Payments)	\$5,411,660	N/A	9733	\$5,411,660**
CIP	\$2,736,300	12,810	7135 (59%)	\$2,736,300
LIHWAP	\$1,393,694	4343	2815 (65%)	\$1,393,694

## Mecklenburg County Energy Program Income Limits\* (through Sept. 30, 2022)

### Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) and Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) 150% (Federal Poverty Level)

No. Eligible in Household	Monthly Maximum Countable Income	Yearly
1	\$1,610	\$19,320
2	\$2,178	\$26,136
3	\$2,745	\$32,940
4	\$3,313	\$39,756
5	3,880	\$46,560
6	4,448	\$53,376
7	5,015	\$60,180
8	5,583	\$66,996

### Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) 130% (Federal Poverty Level)

No. Eligible In Household	Monthly Maximum Countable Income	Yearly
1	\$1,395	\$16,740
2	\$1,887	\$22,644
3	\$2,379	\$28,548
4	\$2,871	\$34,452
5	\$3,363	\$40,356
6	\$3,855	\$46,260
7	\$4,346	\$52,152
8	\$4,838	\$58,056

\*These income limits are a guideline as the State allows deductions. If you or someone you know is close to the maximum income limit, we encourage you to apply. You may be eligible. Additionally, the State typically provides new income limits effective Oct. 1. We haven't been provided new figures at this time.



Questions?  
Comments?

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