

2018 LIHEAP Energy Assistance

October 1, 2017 – Households containing elderly, disabled or both

November 1, 2017 - Households containing elderly, disabled and/or children under the age of 6. Or anyone with a disconnect notice.

November 1, 2017- Emergency Furnace Assistance begins.

December 1, 2017 – General Low Income Population

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, administered by Madison County Community Development, assists eligible, low-income households pay for winter energy services by providing a one-time benefit to be used for energy bills.

The amount of the support available is determined by income, household size and heat type. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required for participation in the program. Individuals do not have to own their home or directly pay energy bills to be eligible for assistance.

Reconnection assistance may be available as part of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program if the household is disconnected from an energy source needed for heating and/or a delivered-fuel supplier has refused to deliver and the tank contains 25% or less, or when disconnection of heat or secondary energy source is a imminent threat (occurring within 7 days).

Funding for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program is made available by the Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services.

Madison County Community Development additionally serves as an administrator for three Ameren utility assistance programs – Ameren Rate Relief Bill Payment Assistance, Ameren Rate Relief Hardship Assistance and Ameren UE Dollar-More Program.

Madison County residents may be eligible to participate in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program if the combined income of individuals in the household is at or below the following income levels.

Additionally, if utility expenses are included in the rent, then an individual's rent must be greater than 30 percent of their total income to be eligible to receive benefits.

When applying for assistance, applicants should provide proof of gross income from all household members for the 30 days prior to the application date, a current medical card (if

applicable), a copy of the current energy bill and social security numbers for each household member.

Collinsville Township, 305 E. Main St. will begin making appointments for energy assistance beginning Oct. 2.

Please call 618-344-1290 to make an appointment. Collinsville Township will not accept emergency applications.

Log onto Madison County website for more information.