

DC Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

What is the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)?

LIHEAP helps elderly and low- and moderate-income households meet their cooling and heating energy needs.

How does it work?

LIHEAP provides:

- Bill payment assistance (1 payment per year)
- Energy crisis assistance for households which have received an electricity or gas service disconnection notice or are already disconnected
- Weatherization and similar home repairs

The amount of assistance is based on household size, household income, energy source, and type of home. Coverage usually ranges from \$49-\$1,300, with the average award being approximately \$400.

Income Limits (10/01/09–9/30/10)

| People in Household | Yearly Income |
|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | \$20,180 |
| 2 | 26,389 |
| 3 | 32,598 |
| 4 | 38,807 |
| 5 | 45,016 |
| 6 | 51,225 |
| 7 | 52,389 |
| 8 | 53,554 |

Source: Government of the District of Columbia. *Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines for LIHEAP 10/01/09-09/30/10*. 17 June 2010. <http://ddoe.dc.gov/ddoe/cwp/view,a,1209,q,493174.asp>.

To receive help, applicants need to show income from employment and assistance, along with copies of utility bills or a Final Utility Termination Notice.

How does one apply?

- Call the DC Energy Office Hotline to make an appointment.
- Mail or hand-deliver an application to the DC Department of the Environment.
 - Print out the [DC Energy Office Assistance Application](#) found on the [DC Department of the Environment](#) website. ([DC Energy Office Assistance Application](#), Spanish)

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