

Heating Assistance

is available to make ends easier to meet.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The purpose of LIHEAP is to provide home energy assistance to eligible low income households. The program is funded by the Federal Government and administered through the North Dakota Department of Human Services and the Human Services Zones. The awards are based on your household income, type of fuel used, building type and the size of your home.

Montana-Dakota encourages you to complete your application today for the federal energy assistance program so you can start receiving your benefits this heating season which runs from October 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021. You can download the application form from the North Dakota Department of Human Services website at <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/financialhelp/energyassist.html>. You may also call your local Human Services Zones Office or call the State LIHEAP office at 800-755-2716.

If you need help filling out and submitting the LIHEAP application, contact Community Options at 800-823-2417 ext. 140.

Who should apply?

- Households who buy their 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 who have 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: LIHEAP can pay for a portion of fuel used to heat the home you live in during the months your household is eligible between October 1 and May 31 during a particular heating season.
- Weatherization: The weatherization program helps low income people make their homes and apartments more energy efficient. Weatherization seals a home to keep warm air in and cold air out during the winter.
- Furnace and Chimney Cleaning: If you are eligible for LIHEAP, the program can pay up to \$250 to clean and inspect your furnace (\$275 for fuel oil furnace) and \$150 to clean your chimney. ***This program requires prior authorization by the County Social Service Board.***
- Emergency Assistance: LIHEAP funds are available when there is a home energy emergency that may threaten the life of your family. Upon prior approval, payment for the cost of a furnace replacement if it is determined to be unsafe, not operating and unable to be repaired.

In order to determine the services you may qualify for, you must fill out the application form and submit it to your local Human Services Zone office. The Human Services Zone will determine eligibility for any of the LIHEAP programs.

Energy Share of ND Bill Assistance

Energy Share is a private nonprofit organization; with the goal of helping North Dakotans faced with energy emergencies meet their needs. Montana-Dakota customers who are experiencing difficulty keeping up with their utility bills are encouraged to contact their local Community Action Agency.

- Bismarck, ND (701) 258-2240 or 800-223-0364
- Devils Lake, ND (701) 662-6500 or 800-321-5943
- Dickinson, ND (701) 227-0131 or 800-359-2243
- Jamestown, ND (701) 252-1821 or 800-726-8179
- Minot, ND (701) 839-7221 or 800-726-8645
- Williston ND (701) 572-8191 or 877-572-8191



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