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LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The purpose of the LIHEAP is to provide home energy assistance to eligible low income households. The program is funded by the Federal Government and administered through the Department of Public Health and Human Services. The awards are based on an applicant's previous one month's gross income, type of fuel used, number of people in the household, and the size, type and location of the home. If a household receives benefits from Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, it may qualify automatically for weatherization or fuel assistance.

Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU) encourages the completion of the federal energy assistance program application today in order to begin receiving benefits to cover fuel costs incurred during this heating season, October 1 through April 30.

The application form may be downloaded from the Montana.gov website at:

- www.dphhs.mt.gov/hcsd/energyassistance
- or www.montana-dakota.com/help.

To request an application form, call the respective Community Action Agency serving your community, listed below or call MDU at **800-638-3278**. Once your application form is completed, return the form to the office as instructed.

DISTRICT VII HRDC

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Billings, MT 59103-2016
Phone: 406-247-4778
Toll Free: 800-433-1411

ACTION FOR EASTERN MONTANA

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LOW INCOME DISCOUNT

Montana-Dakota customers who are approved for LIHEAP can also receive up to a 30% discount on their Montana-Dakota bill. The discount percentage is based on federal guidelines calculated as part of the LIHEAP application process.

FURNACE OR WATER HEATER REPAIR/REPLACEMENT

MDU customers may also be eligible for assistance in repairing or replacing an unsafe furnace or water heater.

To apply, please contact:

- District VII HRDC at **800-433-1411**
- or Action for Eastern Montana at **800-227-0703**.

ENERGY SHARE BILL ASSISTANCE

Energy Share is a private nonprofit organization with the goal of helping Montanans faced with energy emergencies meet their needs. Montana-Dakota customers who are experiencing difficulty keeping up with utility bills due to an emergency or a situation that causes delinquency may qualify for heating bill assistance through Energy Share. Please contact:

- District VII HRDC at **800-433-1411**
- or Action for Eastern Montana at **800-227-0703**
- or the statewide Energy Share office at **888-779-7589**.



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