HEATING ASSISTANCE

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LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

The purpose of the LIEAP is to help low and fixed income families pay their utility bills during the winter months. The priority households are those with elderly (60+ years old), disabilities and children under the age of six. The program is funded by the Federal Government and administered through the Wyoming Department of Family Services (WYDFS). The awards are based on houshold income, type of fuel used, number of people in the household, and the size, type and location of the home.

The completion of the federal energy assistance program application is encouraged right away in order to begin receiving benefits to pay home heating bills October through May. LIEAP program applications are available October 1 and are accepted until April 30th.

The application form may be downloaded from the WYDFS web site at **https://dfs.wyo.gov/assistance-programs/home-utilities-energy-assistance/low-income-energy-assistance-program-lieap/**.

An application packet is available by request from the local DFS offices and Senior Centers in all counties.

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: LIEAP can pay for a portion of fuel used to heat a home during the months the household is eligible between October through May during the heating season.

Weatherization: The weatherization program helps income-qualified housholds make their homes or apartments more energy efficient. Weatherization seals a home to keep warm air in and cold air out during the winter.

Energy Intervention Assistance: If a household is at risk for a heat loss emergency, assistance is available and handled on a case-by-case basis.

In order to determine the services one may qualify for, an application form must be filled out and submitted to:

LIEAP Office
PO Box 827
Cheyenne, WY 82003

Toll Free Phone: **800-246-4221**
FAX Number: **307-778-3943**

ENERGY SHARE BILL ASSISTANCE

Energy Share of Wyoming is a private nonprofit organization established to help people in hardship circumstances with energy-related emergencies. It assists people with energy emergencies when no other resources are available to them and when these emergencies are caused by circumstances beyond their control. To apply please contact

▸ The Salvation Army, call toll-free **877-461-5719**

Applications can be submitted from December 1 to May 31.

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