



## Winter Heating Help for Older Ohioans

Ohio has several energy assistance programs to assist low income Ohioans with paying their utility bills.

The **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)** is a federally funded program to help low-income Ohioans by providing a one-time benefit annually to the consumer's primary heating source account. For example, if you heat your home with a gas furnace, a credit will be provided to your gas bill. To receive this benefit, the applicant must be at or below 175% of the poverty level.

The **Percentage of Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus)** is a year-round extended payment arrangement that provides assistance with both electric and heating fuel bills. Persons at 150% of the poverty level who heat with gas pay only 6% of their gross monthly household income to their gas company and 6% to their electric company to the utility companies each month to maintain service. If they heat with electricity, they pay 10% of their monthly household income.

To apply for HEAP and PIPP Plus, complete the Energy Assistance Programs Application **2019-2020** (available online at: [https://www.development.ohio.gov/is/is\\_heap.htm](https://www.development.ohio.gov/is/is_heap.htm) click on "Energy Assistance Applications") or visit your local energy assistance program provider in person.

The **Winter Crisis Program (WCP)** provides a one-time benefit annually to your primary heating source account. The benefit can be used by eligible households that are disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new services or pay to transfer service, or have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel. The program can also assist with fuel tank placement, furnace repair, and can provide funds for the purchase of electric heaters. Visit your local energy assistance program provider to apply in person for the WCP.

### Regional Energy Assistance Program Providers

It is advised to call ahead and make an appointment.

#### **Champaign County**

Bridges Community Action Partnership  
1679 East State Route 29  
Urbana, Ohio 43078  
937-772-9164  
M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

#### **Clark County**

Opportunities Industrialization Center of  
Clark County  
10 South Yellow Springs Street, Springfield  
937-323-6461  
M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### **Darke, Greene, Montgomery, and Preble Counties**

Miami Valley Community Action  
Partnership  
719 South Main Street, Dayton  
937-514-4777 (appointments)  
M-F, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

#### **Logan County**

Bridges Community Action Partnership  
1653 US 68 North, Bellefontaine  
937-404-9203  
M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Miami County**

Miami County Community Action Council

Community Services Center

1695 Troy-Sidney Road, Troy

937-335-7921

M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm

**Shelby County**

Bridges Community Action Partnership

110 East Russell Road, Sidney

937-507-9341

M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm