



Energy Assistance Program

Minnesota Energy Assistance Program

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program (EAP) administers Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds appropriated through the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Department of Commerce administers EAP in Minnesota.

EAP Services

EAP helps eligible households meet energy needs by:

- Providing grants to pay energy bills
- Addressing no-heat crisis situations through payments and furnace repair or replacement
- Providing referrals and advocacy

Applying for EAP

Households seeking EAP assistance should contact their local EAP service provider. Households find their local EAP provider by calling 1-800-657-3710 or visiting <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/eap-provider.jsp>.

EAP Service Delivery

29 local service providers determine eligibility, approve payments, and provide advocacy, outreach and referral services. They are Community Action Programs, counties, tribal governments and non-profits serving all areas of the state.

EAP Serves

- Renters and Homeowners
- Renters paying for heat directly to an energy vendor or indirectly (in rent to a landlord)

Other information

- Eligibility is based on the past three months of income
- Assets such as the home are not considered in determining eligibility
- Grants from \$200 to \$1,400 depending on household size, household income and fuel consumption
- The average grant is about \$545

2019 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

Based on 50% SMI or 110%* of federal poverty guidelines, whichever is greater

HH Size	Annual income	3 mo. max. income		HH Size	Annual income	3 mo. max. income
1	\$25,983	\$6,495		4	\$49,698	\$12,492
2	\$33,978	\$8,494		5	\$57,963	\$14,490
3	\$41,973	\$10,493		6	\$65,958	\$16,489

