

Fuel

Families in Richmond who may now be experiencing a change in their financial status subsequent to the coronavirus may qualify for food and fuel assistance. If for any reason you fall within the income guidelines listed below, please call **BCAC at (413) 445- 4503** in Pittsfield to start the application process, and to learn what other services may also be available to you. **Applications will be accepted until May 29, 2020.** All information is kept strictly **confidential**. Assistance may be **retroactive** to Nov. 1, 2019.

Berkshire Community Action Council (BCAC) is a non-profit organization serving low income families in Berkshire County with assistance for food and fuel under the Commonwealth's low-income heat energy assistance program (LIHEAP). LIHEAP is funded with grants from the federal and state governments and managed by BCAC.

If you qualify for fuel assistance you also qualify for a **27% to 36% discount on your Utility bills.**

Income Guidelines and documents needed to apply:

<u>Documents Needed:</u>	<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Yr. Income Guidelines</u>	<u>Income last 30 Days</u>
*Picture ID for Head of Household	1	\$37,360	\$3070
*Social Security cards for All	2	\$48,855	\$4015
*All income verification for all household members	3	\$60,351	\$4960
	4	\$71,846	\$5905
*Heating source & Account number	5	\$83,341	\$6849
*Copy of current utility bills	6	\$94,837	\$7794
*Rent or mortgage verification	7	\$96,992	\$7971

The Town of Richmond supplements state and federal funding with **Richmond's Emergency Food & Fuel Assistance** fund that is managed by BCAC. **Donations** are always welcome. Checks should be made out and sent to the Richmond Congregational Church, P.O. Box 2, Richmond, MA and designated for food and fuel assistance. All donations are tax deductible to the full extent of the law.