



Rhode Island Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Dear Community Member:

Enclosed is your application for the Federal Fiscal Year 2027 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

We would like to share several important reminders for the upcoming heating season:

1. LIHEAP applications will be processed by the Community Action Agencies starting **October 1, 2026**.
2. The deadline to submit a LIHEAP application is **April 15, 2027**. If you rely on LIHEAP to help pay your heating bill, we encourage you to apply as early as possible. LIHEAP is designed to help with heating costs, but it is not intended to cover the cost of heating your home for the season.
3. Vendors will begin receiving grant notifications on December 1, 2026.
4. Applicants will begin receiving grant notifications on December 1, 2026.
5. If your household's electric or natural gas utility services are currently disconnected due to nonpayment, you may be eligible for a utility crisis grant during the season. Beginning in October, please contact your local Community Action Agency to determine your eligibility.
6. If you qualify for LIHEAP, you may also be eligible for a discount on your RI Energy utility bill. To receive the discount, the utility account must be in the LIHEAP applicant's name. If the account is in another household member's name, contact RI Energy to update the account holder. Then, notify your Community Action Agency so your LIHEAP application can be updated to match.
7. RI Energy has payment plans that may be available to you to help manage overdue or high utility bills.
8. Households receiving LIHEAP grants may also be eligible for weatherization services, which can help reduce energy costs and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Eligibility is based on program guidelines and available funding. To learn more, ask your local Community Action Agency to connect you with its weatherization department.
9. Federal funding for LIHEAP is limited, so assistance is subject to availability of federal funding. This is one more reason to apply early.

If you need help completing the application or have questions about your eligibility, please contact your local Community Action Agency. To find the Community Action Agency closest to you, please visit: ricommunityaction.org/find-your-community-action-agency/.

Additional information about LIHEAP, including the online application, eligibility requirements, and available services can be found at [DHS.RI.GOV](https://dhs.ri.gov). For information about other DHS Programs and Services call: 1-855-MY RI-DHS (1-855-697-4347).