

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

Kansans with low income will have a little extra help paying their utility bills this summer, thanks to the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP).

“Although we’re enjoying a nice comfortable week of weather, extreme heat is likely just around the corner,” Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF) Secretary Phyllis Gilmore said. “This extra assistance will help keep Kansans safe from dangerous conditions.”

LIEAP provides an annual benefit to help qualifying households pay winter heating bills. Persons with disabilities, older adults and families with children are the primary groups assisted. In the winter of 2014, nearly 48,000 households received an average benefit of \$449.

This year, funding is available to provide an additional benefit to those households for energy costs. This is not a new application period. **Households that applied and received a benefit during the regular application period will automatically be issued a supplemental benefit of approximately \$74, bringing the average benefit for the year to more than \$520. The supplemental funds are in the process of being dispersed.**

Funding for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program is provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Community Service through the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

For more information on the Low Income Energy Assistance Program, visit <http://www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx> or call 1-800-432-0043 toll free.