

## 2012 Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

Financial assistance with winter heating bills is now available.

The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) will once again coordinate the disbursement of federal funds through the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP). Applications will be accepted this year from Jan. 18 through Mar. 30. SRS will have approximately \$24 million to disburse this year.

LIEAP provides an annual benefit for qualifying households to help those households pay a portion of their home energy costs by providing a one-time, per-year benefit. 2011 LIEAP applicants or anyone receiving SRS benefits automatically will receive an application packet in the mail.

In order to qualify, applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. An adult living at the address must be personally responsible for paying for heating costs incurred at the current address, payable either to the landlord or to the fuel vendor.
2. Applicants must demonstrate a recent history of payments toward purchase of the primary heating energy.
3. The combined gross income (before deductions) of all persons living at the address may not exceed 130% of the federal poverty level, according to the guidelines listed below\*\*:

Persons Living at the Address	2012 Maximum Allowable Monthly Income
1	\$1,180
2	\$1,594
3	\$2,008
4	\$2,422
5	\$2,836
6	\$3,249
7	\$3,663
8	\$4,077
9	\$4,491
10	\$4,905
11	\$5,319
12	\$5,732

\*\*Add \$414 for each additional person.

Benefit levels vary according to the following factors:

1. Household income.
2. Number of persons living at the address.
3. Type of dwelling.
4. Type of heating fuel.
5. Utility rates.

For more information, please call 800-432-0043 or go online to <http://www.srs.ks.gov/agency/ees/Pages/Energy/EnergyAssistance.aspx>.

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