HEAT OR FOOD

You don't have to choose.

Too many low-income Minnesotans have to choose between paying their energy bill and other necessities - food, medicine and healthcare. Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program offers eligible residents help to pay their energy bills so they don not have to choose between life's necessities. Spread the word to your friends and family.

The Energy Assistance Program:

- Serves both renters and homeowners
- Provides benefits to pay for home heating ranging from $200 to $1,400, with an average benefit of about $500
- Benefit amounts are based on the household's heating costs, household size, and income
- Provides help with energy disconnections, no/low fuel in the tank, and homeowners' furnace repairs
- Eligibility is based on the household's past 3 months of income and assets are not counted.

Are you eligible?

Size of household	Past 3 months maximum income
1	$6,761
2	$8,842
3	$10,923
4	$13,003

Visit mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp to learn more or call 1-800-657-3710 to connect with your local service provider

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Program Changes

The Energy Assistance Program has a new Social Security Number policy

This new policy requires a Social Security Number (SSN) or eligible non-citizen documentation for all household members.

We want all households to feel safe when applying for help.

The Commerce Energy Assistance Program (EAP) understands households may be worried about the new policy; however, EAP does not document ineligible non-citizens' immigration status in the household's records or in the EAP database.

Can I still receive EAP without a Social Security Number?

- Federal rules require EAP to verify EAP-applicant identity.
- EAP uses Social Security Numbers or eligible non-citizen documentation to verify identity.
- Non-citizens may be EAP-eligible if they provide one of the U.S.-issued documents on this list: https://bit.ly/2KFNyDH

What if a household has a mix of citizens/eligible non-citizens and ineligible non-citizens?

If you are eligible for EAP, but you are living with people who are non-citizens or ineligible – for example, those on student visas, undocumented – your household may still be eligible to receive EAP benefits. Please still apply.

EAP does not record or report immigration status of undocumented members in the household records or in the EAP database.

Find your local service provider

- List of EAP Serivce Providers (mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp)
- Contact Commerce at 1-800-657-3710