



Mississippi Department of Human Services Press Release



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Energy Assistance Available for Elderly and Low-Income Mississippians

(JACKSON, Miss.) — Hot Mississippi summers send electricity bills soaring, but help is available. The Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Community Services is pushing federal dollars down through local community action agencies to help the elderly, disabled and low-income Mississippians beat the heat.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial assistance to eligible households to help pay the costs of home energy bills and other energy-related services.

During extreme weather conditions, people living in poverty and low-income elderly should not have to choose between cooling or heating their homes and buying food or prescriptions. Since two-thirds of families receiving LIHEAP assistance have incomes of less than \$8,000 a year, the program clearly assists those who need help the most.

Since January 2012, over 30,000 Mississippians have received assistance with their energy-related bills through LIHEAP. With more hot weather in the forecast, \$13 million in federal LIHEAP funds is available to meet the energy needs of low-income Mississippians.

If you or someone you know is interested in applying for assistance, contact your local service agency. (See list next page.)

Some money-saving tips include:

- Turn the hot water heater down to below 120 degrees.
- Cook on the lowest burner setting; consider using the oven only in the evenings.
- Close curtains and blinds on hot days.
- Raise the thermostat to 78 degrees or more to decrease your air conditioning bill.
- Replace AC filters once a month.
- Use ceiling fans to maximize your AC's effectiveness.
- Wash your clothes in cold water; don't over-dry your clothes and if possible, hang dry clothes outside.

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County Service Organizations for LIHEAP

County	Service Agencies	Phone Number	County	Service Agencies	Phone Number
Adams	AJFC	(601) 442-8681	Leflore	Central MS Inc	(662) 455-3497
Alcorn	Northeast MS CS	(662) 286-9263	Lincoln	AJFC	(601) 833-6349
Amite	Southwest MS Opp	(601) 225-7878	Lowndes	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 328-1669
Attala	Central MS Inc	(662) 289-5934	Madison	South Central CAA	(601) 855-0511
Benton	United CAA	(662) 224-8912	Marion	PRVO	(601) 736-6077
Bolivar	Bolivar County	(662) 846-1491	Marshall	Northeast MS CS	(662) 252-2713
Calhoun	LIFT Inc	(662) 412-2222	Monroe	LIFT Inc	(662) 369-4695
Carroll	Central MS Inc	(662) 464-5667	Montgomery	Central MS Inc	(662) 283-2698
Chickasaw	LIFT Inc	(662) 447-2089	Neshoba	Multi-County CSA	(601) 656-7261
Choctaw	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 285-6291	Newton	Multi-County CSA	(601) 683-2733
Claiborne	AJFC	(601) 437-5419	Noxubee	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 726-4861
Clarke	Multi-County CSA	(601) 776-3461	Oktibbeha	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 323-3397
Clay	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 494-4862	Panola	Mid-State CAA	(662) 487-2087
Coahoma	Coahoma Opportunities	(662) 624-4887	Pearl River	PRVO	(601) 749-7729
Copiah	AJFC	(601) 894-4745	Perry	PRVO	(610) 964-8231
Covington	PRVO	(601) 765-4871	Pike	Southwest MS Opp	(601) 684-5593
Desoto	Mid-State CAA	(662) 895-4153	Pontotoc	LIFT Inc	(662) 489-7329
Forrest	PRVO	(601) 544-1394	Prentiss	Northeast MS CS	(662) 728-8141
Franklin	AJFC	(601) 384-5587	Quitman	Mid-State CAA	(662) 326-8131
George	Gulf Coast CAA	(601) 947-7426	Rankin	South Central CAA	(601) 824-8844
Greene	Gulf Coast CAA	(601) 394-2942	Scott	Multi-County CSA	(601) 469-3064
Grenada	Central MS Inc	(662) 226-7953	Sharkey	WWISCAA	(662) 873-4978
Hancock	Gulf Coast CAA	(228) 467-0158	Simpson	South Central CAA	(601) 847-5552
Harrison	Gulf Coast CAA	(228) 701-2635	Smith	Multi-County CSA	(601) 782-9578
Hinds	Hinds County HRA	(601) 923-3950	Stone	Gulf Coast CAA	(601) 928-5044
Holmes	Central MS Inc	(662) 834-2437	Sunflower	Sunflower Humphreys	(662) 887-5593
Humphreys	Sunflower Humphreys	(662) 247-1961	Tallahatchie	Mid-State CAA	(662) 647-2463
Issaquena	WWISCAA	(662) 873-2595	Tate	Mid-State CAA	(662) 562-7733
Itawamba	LIFT Inc	(662) 862-4894	Tippah	United CAA	(662) 837-9812
Jackson	Jackson County CAA	(228) 769-3292	Tishomingo	Northeast MS CS	(662) 423-7013
Jasper	Multi-County CSA	(601) 784-4844	Tunica	Mid-State CAA	(662) 363-2751
Jeff Davis	PRVO	(601) 792-5356	Union	LIFT Inc	(662) 534-8104
Jefferson	AJFC	(601) 786-3711	Walthall	Southwest MS Opp	(601) 876-4511
Jones	PRVO	(601) 428-3171	Warren	WWISCAA	(601) 638-2474
Kemper	Multi-County CSA	(601) 743-5752	Washington	WWISCAA	(662) 378-8663
Lafayette	LIFT Inc	(662) 234-4568	Wayne	Multi-County CSA	(601) 735-2118
Lamar	PRVO	(601) 794-8387	Webster	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 258-8233
Lauderdale	Multi-County CSA	(601) 482-9887	Wilkinson	Southwest MS Opp	(601) 888-4211
Lawrence	AJFC	(601) 587-4370	Winston	Prairie Opportunity	(662) 773-3465
Leake	Prairie Opportunity	(601) 267-4510	Yalobusha	Central MS Inc	(662) 675-8282
Lee	LIFT Inc	(662) 842-9511	Yazoo	WWISCAA	(662) 746-1517