

# ERBA announces start of LIHEAP Energy Assistance Program

LIHEAP is available for all income-qualified households beginning September 1, 2021.

The Embarras River Basin Agency (ERBA) as administrator of the Home Energy Assistance Program in Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Jasper, Lawrence and Richland, is pleased to announce that funds are available to assist income-eligible households with their natural gas, propane, and electric bills and furnace assistance.

The program will begin September 1, 2021 for all income-eligible households. Applications will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis through May

31, 2022. There will be no priority groups this program year. Households in need are encouraged to apply.

Households must be at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty level to receive a benefit from the LIHEAP program. Beginning September 1, there will be an option to accept a one-time payment to utility provider, or to enroll in PIPP (Percentage of Income Payment Plan) which consists of a monthly benefit you will receive as long as you make your monthly payment that will be determined at the time of intake. PIPP is available for LIHEAP eligible households who are customers of the following utilities: Ameren Illinois,

ComEd, Nicor Gas, North Shores Gas and Peoples Gas. PIPP applications will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis and the program will be offered until March 30, 2022 or when ERBA has reached the maximum capacity of households for the program.

**The guidelines are as follows:** 1-\$2,147, 2-\$2,903, 3-\$3,660, 4-\$4,417. Go to [www.erbainc.org](http://www.erbainc.org) to know income limits for households with 5 members or more.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides one-time benefits to income-eligible homeowners and renters to help with energy bills and for reconnection of energy ser-

vice. Propane customers are encouraged to apply when the program opens in September to take greater advantage of lower propane prices. Propane prices typically increase during the winter months so by applying early propane users will see their LIHEAP benefit go further.

Applications will be taken at each of our outreach offices (see below), by phone when necessary and there will be an electronic pre-application on our website after September 1.

**To submit an application, you must submit all documentation required:**

1. Proof of gross income from all household members for the prior 30-day period beginning with the date of application.

2. Proof of Social Security numbers or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) for all household members. Individuals without SSN or ITIN can still apply and ERBA will advise accordingly.

3. A copy of current heat and electric bills within the last 30 days.

4. Other documents may be needed based on your household situation. If you have questions regarding this, please call our office.

5. A copy of rental agreement (if renting) showing that utilities are included, the monthly rental amount and landlord contract.

Please call ERBA at 217-923-3113 for outreach locations and hours, and for information on what documents are needed to apply and different ways to submit your application.

**Outreach Locations**

**Coles County: East:** 696 Caste Drive, Charleston, IL 61920; 217-500-3120.

**Coles County: West:** 416 S. 17th St, Mattoon, IL 61938; 217-961-0831

**Douglas County:** 107 W. South Central, Tuscola, IL 61953; 217-253-4434.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### VILLAGE OF ASHMORE (COLES COUNTY) PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Ashmore has substantially completed the scope of work associated with a Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funded public infrastructure grant used to construct water distribution system improvements/water line replacement project and related costs in a targeted area in the Village of Ashmore (Coles County). The grant was awarded and administered by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Accordingly, a notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at 6:45 p.m. at Village Hall, 10 W Ashmore Street, Ashmore, IL 61912. Due to COVID-19, the public is encouraged to join the public hearing via videoconference. You can join using this link: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/villageofashmore>. The purpose of the hearing is to afford all citizens the opportunity to provide oral and/or written comments concerning the grant and the overall project performance. Those attending the public hearing will be provided information including, but not limited to: (1) project and grant costs, (2) time schedules, (3) project outcomes, (4) completed scope of work. The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) was a request for monies to finance public infrastructure costs related to the construction of a targeted water main replacement project and related costs located in Village of Ashmore. Kurt Crail, Village President Village of Ashmore Published: 9/8/21

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