

STATE OF MONTANA Department of Public Health and Human Services

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Application

To apply for LIHEAP, this application must be completed and returned to your local eligibility office. LIHEAP heat assistance applications will <u>NOT</u> be accepted after April 30, 2025. However, you can apply for Weatherization all year. LIHEAP and Weatherization benefits are only for the dwelling you live in at the time of application. If you move any time after applying, please contact your LIHEAP/Weatherization office.

Complete each section of the LIHEAP/Weatherization application. You must also provide verification of all identities, incomes, resources, heat and/or electric bills. (See table at right).

A LIHEAP/Weatherization application cannot be processed without this verification. Failure to provide all requested information and verifications will delay the eligibility determination and may result in application denial.

LIHEAP/Weatherization eligibility will be determined based upon the circumstances at the time of application.

If you or a household member is over the age of 60, or a person with a disability, call 1-800-551-3191 for help filling out this application.

n. You must also provide verification of all identities, income						
Application submitted in month of:	Provide income verification for the months of:					
August 2024	July 2024					
September 2024	August 2024					
October 2024	September 2024					
November 2024	October 2024					
December 2024	November 2024					
January 2025	December 2024					
February 2025	January 2025					
March 2025	February 2025					
April 2025	March 2025					
May 2025	April 2025					
June 2025	May 2025					
July 2025	June 2025					

Send completed application and all required documentation to your local eligibility office.

Note: Applicants who live on a reservation (other than the Crow Reservation), and who are Native American, enrolled tribal members or direct descendants should contact their Tribal LIHEAP office for heating bill assistance. Native American household members who live on the Crow reservation should contact District 7 Human Resource Development Council (Billings) for assistance.

APPLICANT RIGHTS

- To tell their story in their own way.
- To continue to be responsible for themselves.
- To receive individual assistance in completion of the application.
- To inquire and be informed in writing and/or orally about coverage, conditions of eligibility, scope of the program and related services available, including systems conversions, regular benefits, and emergency benefits.
- To be determined eligible or ineligible based upon the information and corresponding documentation provided for the completed application, within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the completed application.
- To receive timely written notice of denial, reduction, or termination of assistance.
- To be informed of the right to a Fair Hearing.
- To have a confidential relationship with the sub-grantee and the Department.
- To be informed of other services of the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS).
- To not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, culture, age, creed, marital status, physical handicap, mental handicap, and national origin.

Fair Hearing Rights:

If the completed application has not been acted on in a timely manner or if you disagree with any adverse action taken on your case, you may request a fair hearing. A fair hearing request may be filed with your local Eligibility Office or the Office of Administrative Hearings. The Office of Administrative Hearings address is:

Office of Administrative Hearings - Box 202922 - Helena, Montana 59620-2922

APPLICANT CHECKLIST

Make s	ure you have done the following things:
	Completed all spaces on the application, especially Income in Section 6 and each Resource line in Section 5.
	Completed physical and mailing address information.
	Ensured that all people who reside in the dwelling are included on the application.
	Ensured that all household members age 18 or older have signed Section 8.
	Included a copy of your most recent hesat and electric bill(s) for the assistance for which you are applying.
	Included verification of all gross incomes received in the past month, from all sources, for all members of the household aged 18 years or older and regardless of relationship.
	Included full month of bank statements for all open bank accounts and verification of other resources including online banks, Reliacard, Direct Express, and employer payroll cards for all household members.
	Included photo identification for all household members aged 18 or older and photo identification or birth certificates for all household members younger than 18.
	Included Social Security Numbers (SSNs); or if any household member does not have a SSN; included proof of citizenship or lawful entry into the US with the intent of establishing permanent residency; for all household members.
	Checked the address list for mailing your completed application to the correct eligibility office.
	If anyone in your household pays premiums for health, dental, or optical insurance, provide verification of those payments for the prior month for a possible reduction to your countable income.

NOTE: You should receive a letter within 45 days of applying, telling you whether you are eligible or if additional information is needed. Your application cannot be processed without all the information requested. If you do not receive a letter within 45 days, please contact your local office.

Local Eligibility and Tribal Offices

Find your county and return the application to the office listed.

If you live in this county:		Return application to:	If you live in this county:	Return application to:			
Carter Prairie Custer Richland Daniels Roosevelt Dawson Rosebud Fallon Sheridan Garfield Treasure McCone Valley Phillips Wibaux Powder River		Action for Eastern Montana 2030 North Merrill P.O. Box 1309 Glendive, MT 59330-1309 Ph. 377-3564 or 1-800-227-0703	Fergus Golden Valley Judith Basin Musselshell Petroleum Wheatland	District 6 HRDC Centennial Plaza 300 First Avenue North, Room 203 Lewistown, MT 59457 Ph. 535-7488 or 1-800-766-3018			
Blaine Hill Liberty Cascade Chouteau Glacier Pondera Teton Toole Big Horn Carbon Stillwater Sweet Grass Yellowstone Missoula Mineral Ravalli		District 4 HRDC 2229 5 th Avenue Havre, MT 59501 Ph. 265-6743 or 1-800-640-6743	Gallatin Meagher Park	District 9 HRDC 206 E. Griffin Drive Bozeman, MT 59715 Ph. 587-4486 or 1-800-332-2796			
		Opportunities Inc. 905 First Ave North P.O. Box 2289 Great Falls, MT 59403-2289 Ph. 761-0310 or 1-800-326-0955	Broadwater Jefferson Lewis & Clark	Rocky Mountain Development Council LIHEAP Office 648 N. Jackson P.O. Box 1717 Helena, MT 59626-1717 Ph. 447-1625 or 1-800-356-6544			
		District 7 HRDC 3116 First Ave North P.O. Box 2016 Billings, MT 59103 Ph. 247-4778 or 1-800-433-1411	Beaverhead Deer Lodge Granite Madison Powell Silver Bow	Action Inc Human Resource Council 25 W Silver Street, Butte, MT 59701 P.O. Box 39, Butte, MT 59703 Ph. 533-6855 or 1-800-382-1325			
		District 11 Human Resource Council 1801 South Higgins Missoula, MT 59801 Ph. 728-3710	Flathead Lake Lincoln Sanders	Community Action Partnership of NW MT 1820 US Hwy 93 S Kalispell, MT 59901 Ph. 758-5433 or 1-800-344-5979 www.capnm.net			
			For additional information visit: liheap.mt.gov				

Tribal Office for:	Return application to:	Tribal Office for:	Return application to:		
Blackfeet	Blackfeet Nation PO Box 850 All Chief's Square Browning, MT 59417 Ph. 406-338-7521	Fort Belknap: Gros Ventre, Assiniboine	Fort Belknap Community Council Box 66, R.R. 1 Harlem, MT 59526 Ph. 406-353-8499		
Fort Peck: Assiniboine, Sioux	Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux 501 Medicine Bear Rd. PO Box 1027 Poplar, MT 59255 Ph. 406-768-2300	Northern Cheyenne	Northern Cheyenne 600 Cheyenne Ave. PO Box 128 Lame Deer, MT 59043 Ph. 406-477-6691		
Rocky Boy: Chippewa and Cree	Rocky Boy LIHEAP Office Rocky Boy Route PO Box 568 Box Elder, MT 59521 Ph. 406-395-4728	Confederated Salish and Kootenai	CSKT LIHEAP Office PO Box 278 Pablo, MT 59855 Ph. 406-675-2700		
Crow	District 7 HRDC 3116 First Ave North P.O. Box 2016 Billings, MT 59103 Ph. 247-4778 or 1-800-433-1411				
For additional information visit: liheap.mt.gov					

Section 1 HOUSEHOLD ADDRESS INFORMATION

Complete information for where you are curr must reapply.	rently living at the time of application	<u>n</u> . If you m	nove before or after	appro	val, you	
Physical Address: (heat/electricity address)	_City	2	Zip		
Mailing Address or PO Box: (If different): City City Zip						
What date did you move to this address?						
If after 10/01/2024, did you move here from out of state?						
Is this property located within the boundaries of a Native American reservation?						
Home Phone:	Message Phone:		Cell Phone:		-	
Other Phone (Specify):	Email Address (Optional):					

Use the codes below to complete Section 2 - Household Members section on the next page.							
Relationship: SP/SO - Spouse/Significant Other CH - Child GC - Grandchild FC - Foster Child PA - Parent SB - Sister/Brother AU - Aunt/Uncle NN - Niece/Nephew CO - Cousin EX - Ex-Spouse NR - Not Related OR - Other Related Hispanic Status, US Citizen, Tribal Member, Disabled: Yes or No NOTE: Entries for gender, Hispanic, and race are not required	Race Status: (Multiple Selections Allowed) 1 - White 2 - Black/African American 3 - American Indian/Alaska Native 4 - Asian 5 - Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander Highest Grade Completed: 0 - 11 - Grades GED - GED Completed HS - High School Diploma 12+ - Grade 12 + some post-Secondary AS - 2 Year College Graduate VT - Vo-Tech Graduate BA - 4 year College Graduate MS - Graduate other post-secondary schl PTS - Part Time enrolled college/university student	Military Status: V - Veteran AM - Active Military NA - Not Applicable Health Insurance Status: MA - Medicaid MC - Medicare PV - Private (Direct Purchase) CH - Healthy Montana Kids HA - State Health Ins for Adults VA - Veterans Administration EB - Employment Based OT - Other NN - None / Unknown					

Section 2 HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

List everyone who lives in the home. Attach another sheet for additional household member information if needed.

Provide all requested information for all person living in the house regardless of relationship and whether or not you consider them a household member.

How many people live in this residence? List everyone below	Alias or Maiden Name (Other Names Used)	Relationship to Primary Individual	Social Security Number (SSN)	Birth Date (MM/DD/YY)	Gender	Hispanic	Race	U.S. Citizen	Tribal Member	Military Status	Disabled	Health Insurance	Highest Grade Completed
		Self (Primary Individual)											

TRIBAL STATUS (if applicable)

Note: All adult household members who live on a reservation (other than the Crow Reservation), and who are Native American, enrolled tribal members or direct descendants should contact their Tribal office for assistance. Native American household members who live on the Crow Reservation should contact District 7 Human Resource Development Council (Billings) for assistance.

List each Tribal Member/Direct Descendant's tribal affiliations(s):		
VETERAN STATUS		
Do any Veteran household members receive VA compensation? If yes, provide a copy of VA award letter.	Yes	No No
WEATHERIZATION		
Do any household members have respiratory health conditions to consider for weatherization of the residence?	Yes	No No
If yes, which household members?		
If yes, list conditions. If you need additional space, include a separate piece of paper.		
CHILD STATUS (Provide Child Support case #s and verification)		
Does each child listed on the application live in this home more than 50% of the time?	Yes	No No
Is there an active Child Support order for any of the children listed on the application?	Yes	No No
If yes, from which state:		
Has a household member received support (even if not ordered) in the past month for any child listed on the application?	Yes	No No
For any yes answers, specify which child(ren)		
How did you hear about LIHEAP?		

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Section 3	HOUSING TYPE INFO	HOUSING TYPE INFORMATION			
Housing type: (check one)		Number of bedrooms: (check one)			
Double-Wide Mobile Home		One Four			
House - Modular (Singe Family)		Two Five			
Apartment or Duplex, etc.* Total # of units in building:		Three Six			
NonTraditional Housing (Camper, RV, etc.)					
Rent or Own Home:	Rent Mobile Lot:	Does your rent include:			
	Yes	Electricity			
Own Home		Heat			
Rent Home		Both			
Year Home was Built ?		None			
Do you receive governmental rent assistan	ce? 🛛 Yes 🗖	No			
Monthly Rent Amount? \$	-				
If you rent, provide name, address, and tele	phone number of your landle	ord:			
Landlord Name:					
Phone Number:					
Address:					
City/State/Zip:					

Section 4

HOME HEAT AND ELECTRICITY INFORMATION

Heat Service You Use the Most (Mark One)	Other Heat Service (Mark all that apply)					
Natural Gas	Natural Gas					
Propane	Propane					
Fuel Oil	Fuel Oil					
Wood/Pellets	U Wood					
Coal	Coal					
Main Vendor:	Main Vendor:					
Account Number:	Account Number:					
Past due amount if owed:	Past due amount owed:					
must be attached. If your main heat source is oil or propa	nowing NAME, current ADDRESS and ACCOUNT NUMBER(S) ne and you do not have a bill; obtain a letter of service from your cluded in your rental payment or your main heat is not in your I an additional form.					
permanent electrical source? What is your electrical source? Plugged-In G Are there any unsafe conditions present in the dwelling that	as present in the dwelling that may cause a potential health pants? Note: A heating appliance in a nontraditional dwelling Yes No g according to the manufacturer's specification or current					
If your heat or electric is not in a household member's nam	e, whose name is on the bill?					
In the past year has your household applied for or received electric from another agency?	l assistance with heat or Service Serv					
If yes, please specify where, when and provide verification	of the assistance amount:					
Do you have Central Air Conditioning?	Yes No					
Do you have Window/Wall Air Conditioning (including evap	porative cooler)?					
Has your household received a utility (heat) past due notice	e in the last 30 days? Yes No					
Do you have less than 10% Deliverable Fuel (oil/propane/c	oal/wood) on hand?					
Is your utility (heat) service currently disconnected?	Yes No					

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Are	you completely out of Deliverable Fuel (oil/propane/coal/wood)?	Yes	No
ls th	he household main heat source working properly?	Yes	No
lf ye	our furnace or main heat is not working properly, describe:	(Other help or assista	ance may be available
yo	ote: If all members of your household receive SNAP, or individual circums u apply, you may be exempt from providing verification of the items in sec ore information.		
Doe	es anyone in your household currently qualify for SNAP, SSI, and/or TANF benefits?	Yes	🗌 No
_	Section 5 RESOURCES AND BUS		
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5.	Physical address(es) and County of property/real estate other than the home in which you live and its adjoining land.	\$
6.	If you sold any real estate property within the past 12 months, provide closing settlement your primary residence.	papers and specify if it was

Section 6 SOURCES OF INCOME

Please check ALL the following sources of income that have been received by ALL MEMBERS of your household within the past month.

TANF (includes Tribal)	Educational Grants	Worker's Compensation
SNAP / Food Stamp	Self-Employment* (includes odd jobs)	Loans
Supplemental Social Security Income		Educational Grants
Veteran Administration	Interest Income	Gifts (Cash)
General Assistance (includes Tribal)	Property Income	Gifts (Money)
Social Security	Non-Cash Income	Utility Payment (Section 8 Housing)
Pension/Retirement Income	Alimony Payments	
Child Support: If paid through MT CSED, pro	ovide case #'s	
Other Income :		
If checked, please explain in the following space:	·	

Note: If anyone in your household pays premiums for health, dental, or optical insurance, provide verification of those payments for the prior month for a possible reduction to your countable income.

COPIES OF DOCUMENTATION TO VERIFY ALL GROSS INCOME ONE MONTH PRIOR TO APPLICATION MUST BE INCLUDED

*Self-employment requires the past 12 months documentation

Section 7

INCOME OF HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Enter the requested information for all household members aged 18 or older regardless of relationship. One-month preceding the month of application.

Name (Who Received Income)	Sources and Amounts of Gross Income (Specify Each Source)	Gross Monthly Income
1		
2		
3		
4		

If there is zero (0) income, please explain your means of survival.

COMMENTS: If you wish to make any comments regarding any special situation, or you wish to clarify any of your responses, please do so in the space provided below. If you need additional space, please use a separate piece of paper.

Section 8 AUTHORIZATION

READ THE FOLLOWING. SIGN AND DATE WHERE INDICATED.

I understand that this application is for Federal funds and that any falsification or concealment of a material fact may be prosecuted under Federal or State Laws. I understand the application must include information for all individuals living in the household including all gross income and resources. False, misleading, or incomplete information may result in the denial or termination of assistance, and/or potential repayment of assistance funds provided. If you are receiving another form of federal assistance and it is determined that there was a duplication in subsidy, you will be required to return the funds that were overpaid to Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services.

<u>I understand that LIHEAP Heat Assistance benefits are computed for October 1 through April 30.</u> I am responsible for any other costs not covered by any benefits I may have received. I certify that the information provided herein is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the Department to communicate and share information to all third-party payees listed in the application and persons or organizations assisting in the application process, including but not limited to, late fees, security deposit, utility or utility deposit information. I have read; or have had read to me; all the above and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction.

RELEASE OF CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION (<u>AUTHORIZATION TO MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH</u> <u>AND HUMAN SERVICES TO OBTAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION</u>)

I authorize any individual, company, agency, or other entity which has information about me or my household, including, but not limited to, the information sources listed below to release or disclose information to the Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) and/or to any agent or contractor of the DPHHS which is authorized to determine eligibility for Heat or Weatherization benefits. I authorize the disclosure or release of any information relevant to my eligibility for Heat or Weatherization benefits, but not limited to, the information to be released or disclosed listed below. I understand any information obtained will be kept confidential and will be used only for the purposes directly connected with the administration of benefits or services and only during the pertinent time period. I further understand that any information obtained will be used or disclosed to a proper government agency, court of law, or law enforcement agency for purposes of legal investigative actions concerning fraud. I further understand that information contained on this application can be used in DPHHS electronic databases for the determination of eligibility for programs and/or to record services provided to my household for federal and/or state reporting purposes.

INFORMATION SOURCE: Banks, Savings & Loans, Credit Unions, Employers, Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, State Department of Labor and Industry, Internal Revenue Service, State Department of Revenue, State Compensation Insurance Fund, Unemployment Compensation Division, County Clerk & Recorder, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Utility Suppliers and Vendors, Other Social Services Providers, Landlord, Child Support Enforcement Division, Offices of Public Assistance, Montana Emergency Rental Assistance, Energy Share, other assistance programs and other sources for which a household may be eligible and to reduce potential for duplication of effort.

INFORMATION TO BE RELEASED OR DISCLOSED: Checking, Savings, Certificates of Deposit, Stocks & Bonds, Safety Deposit Boxes (to be opened only in the presence of the client or his agent and representatives of the financial institution), Gross Earnings, Social Security Payments, V.A. Benefits, Personal and Business Income, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Compensation, Family Composition, Size of Home, Per Capita Payments, Lease Payments, Indian Income

Maintenance (IIM) Accounts, Amount of Heat Assistance received from agencies, Utility Account Information: including, but not limited to, Utility Account and Billing Information, Child Support Payments, Benefit Information.

Testing Comments

Signature of head of household. If signing on a person's behalf provide a copy of the Power of Attorney or Payee authorization.

Signature

Signatures of all other household members age 18 or older.

Signature

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Date

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