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FOR A STRONGER GEORGIA
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps keep families safe and healthy through initiatives that assist families with energy cost. The purpose is to assist low income households, particularly those with the lowest incomes who use a high proportion of household income for their home energy needs.
GEORGIA LIHEAP OVERVIEW

• Funded by an Annual Federal Block Grant
• Operates on a Federal fiscal Year
• Program opens November 1st for Medically Homebound and Elderly (65 years and older) households (Georgia’s priority group)
• December 1st for the general public (until May 31st or until funds are exhausted)
• Benefits provided on a first come/first served basis
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• Three Primary Services: Regular Home Energy Assistance, Crisis Intervention Assistance, and Weatherization: energy-related minor home repairs.

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Total Population Served in FY2017:

- Households Served: 137,385
- Crisis Households Served: 32,637
- Disabled: 51,204
- Homebound: 3,761
- Referred for Weatherization: 4,571
Basic Eligibility Requirements

• Households must be at or below 60% of Georgia’s median income
• Households may apply and receive assistance once for each component during the energy program year
• All household applicants must be seen and application processed in a timely manner
• Households with Limited English Proficiency persons must have equal access to all benefits and services
### Basic Eligibility Requirements

Income at or below 60% of the state median income level for Georgia.

- **One-Person Household** $22,045
- **Two-Person Household** $28,829
- **Three-Person Household** $35,612
- **Four-Person Household** $42,395
- **Five-Person Household** $49,178
- **Six-Person Household** $55,961
- **Seven-Person Household** $57,233
- **Eight-Person Household** $58,505

*For households with nine or more persons, add $1,272.00 for each additional family member.*
Eligibility Requirements

• Households must be responsible for paying the cost of energy for the primary home heating source directly to the utility company (bill does not have to be in the applicants name)
• Household applicant must be a US citizen or a legally admitted immigrant
• Payments issued to energy vendors on behalf of households
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