

Help Illinois Families Program Offers More Funding per Household to Assist Low-Income Residents this Season



Today the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and the [Citizens Utility Board](#) (CUB) are reminding residents to apply for \$200 million remaining in utility assistance under Governor Pritzker's Help Illinois Families initiative – an expansion of the [Low-Income Household Energy Assistance Program](#) (LIHEAP) under ARPA. Designed to support Illinois' most vulnerable families and keep them from falling behind, the program will help cover the cost of heating and energy bills, including expanded benefits provided this year from \$750 to \$1,000, on average per household, allowing more assistance to Illinois families for utilities this season than ever before.

To help residents take advantage of LIHEAP, the State and CUB are teaming up to host two free virtual events, in English and Spanish. These events will provide an overview of the program, as well as a live question and answer session allowing residents to get their questions answered in real-time.

[Energy Assistance for Winter](#)

November 17, at 6:00pm – English, [Register](#)
or on Facebook live: [Facebook.com/CUBIllinois](https://www.facebook.com/CUBIllinois)

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November 18, 6:00pm – Spanish, [Register](#)
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To learn more and to fill out a new remote application, visit helpillinoisfamilies.com.