

The Bertie County Department of Social Services will begin taking and processing applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2021 at the Bertie County Department of Social Services building located at 110 Jasper Bazemore Avenue, Windsor, North Carolina.

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time annual energy provider payment to help eligible families pay their heating expense. The payment will be paid directly to the heating supplier for electricity, gas, wood and fuel.

Only households containing an elderly person age 60 and above or a disabled person receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS) are eligible to potentially receive payment from December 1 to December 31 or until funds are exhausted.

However, if someone in the household is 60 or over, currently receiving Food Stamps and if they received a LIEAP payment for the year 2020-2021, you could potentially be eligible for an automatic LIEAP payment. This payment will be automatically sent to your heating supplier and you will not need to apply. Clients should receive a letter informing them on this automatic payment. If you are in question of this automatic payment, please contact your Food Stamp Caseworker at 252-794-5320.

Any household can apply to potentially receive payment from January 3, 2022 through March 31, 2022, or until funds are exhausted, if all eligibility requirements are met.

Eligibility for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program is based on certain financial and non-financial requirements.

To be eligible a household must first meet the income guideline below:

No. Eligible In Household	Maximum Countable Income	No. Eligible In Household	Maximum Countable Income
1	\$1,610	14	\$8,988
2	2,178	15	9,555
3	2,745	16	10,123
4	3,313	17	10,690
5	3,880	18	11,258
6	4,448	19	11,825
7	5,015	20	12,393
8	5,583	21	12,960
9	6,150	22	13,528
10	6,718	23	14,095
11	7,285	24	14,663
12	7,853	25	15,230
13	8,420	26	15,798

If there are more than 26 in a household please contact the Bertie County Department of Social Services for the monthly income at 252-794-5320.

The household must be subject to the rising cost of heating and have a heat source.

Everyone who lives in the same residence must be included along with their income on the application. **Duplicate payments to LIEAP households are not allowed.**

The household must include at least one U.S. citizen or an eligible alien.