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## You don't have to choose.

Too many low-income Minnesotans have to choose between paying their energy bill and other necessities - food, medicine and healthcare. Minnesota's Energy Assistance Program offers eligible residents help to pay their energy bills so they do not have to choose between life's necessities. Spread the word to your friends and family.

### The Energy Assistance Program:

- Serves both renters and homeowners
- Provides benefits to pay for home heating ranging from \$200 to \$1,400, with an average benefit of about \$500
- Benefit amounts are based on the household's heating costs, household size, and income
- Provides help with energy disconnections, no/low fuel in the tank, and homeowners' furnace repairs
- Eligibility is based on the household's past 3 months of income and assets are not counted.

### Are you eligible?

Size of household	Past 3 months maximum income
1	\$6,761
2	\$8,842
3	\$10,923
4	\$13,003

Visit [mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp](http://mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp) to learn more or call 1-800-657-3710 to connect with your local service provider

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### Program Changes

## The Energy Assistance Program has a new Social Security Number policy

This new policy requires a Social Security Number (SSN) or eligible non-citizen documentation for all household members.

### We want all households to feel safe when applying for help.

The Commerce Energy Assistance Program (EAP) understands households may be worried about the new policy; however, EAP does not document ineligible non-citizens' immigration status in the household's records or in the EAP database.

### Can I still receive EAP without a Social Security Number?

- Federal rules require EAP to verify EAP-applicant identity.
- EAP uses Social Security Numbers or eligible non-citizen documentation to verify identity.
- Non-citizens may be EAP-eligible if they provide one of the U.S.-issued documents on this list: <https://bit.ly/2KFNYDH>

### What if a household has a mix of citizens/eligible non-citizens and ineligible non-citizens?

If you are eligible for EAP, but you are living with people who are non-citizens or ineligible – for example, those on student visas, undocumented – your household may still be eligible to receive EAP benefits. Please still apply.

EAP does not record or report immigration status of undocumented members in the household records or in the EAP database.

### Find your local service provider

- List of EAP Service Providers ([mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp](http://mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp))
- Contact Commerce at 1-800-657-3710

# Energy Assistance Program

The Minnesota Energy Assistance Program (EAP) administers Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds appropriated through the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services. The Minnesota Department of Commerce administers EAP in Minnesota.

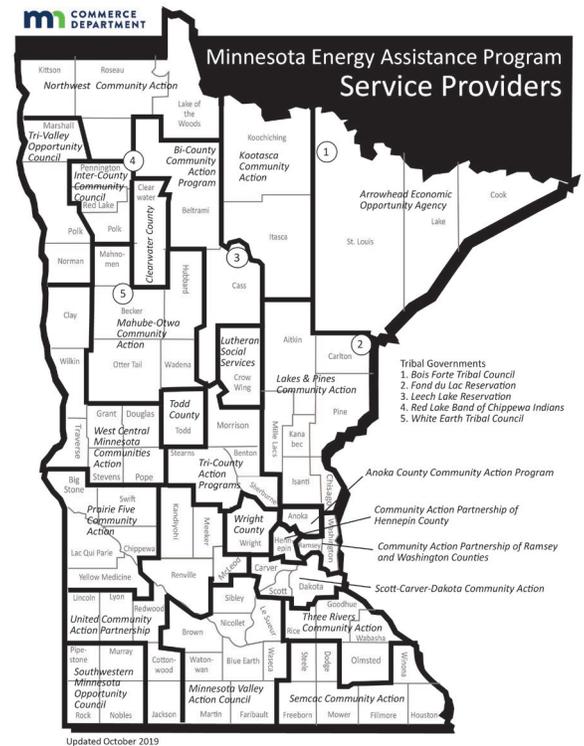
## EAP Services

EAP helps eligible households meet energy needs by:

- Providing grants to pay energy bills
- Addressing no-heat crisis situations through payments and furnace repair or replacement
- Providing referrals and advocacy

## Applying for EAP

Households seeking EAP assistance should contact their local EAP service provider. Households find their local EAP provider by calling 1-800-657-3710 or visiting <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/eap-provider.jsp>. General EAP information is found at <https://mn.gov/commerce/eap.jsp>



## EAP Service Delivery

29 local service providers determine eligibility, approve payments, and provide advocacy, outreach and referral services. They are Community Action Programs, counties, tribal governments and non-profits serving all areas of the state.

## EAP serves

- Renters and Homeowners
- Renters paying for heat directly to an energy vendor or indirectly (in rent to a landlord)

## Other information

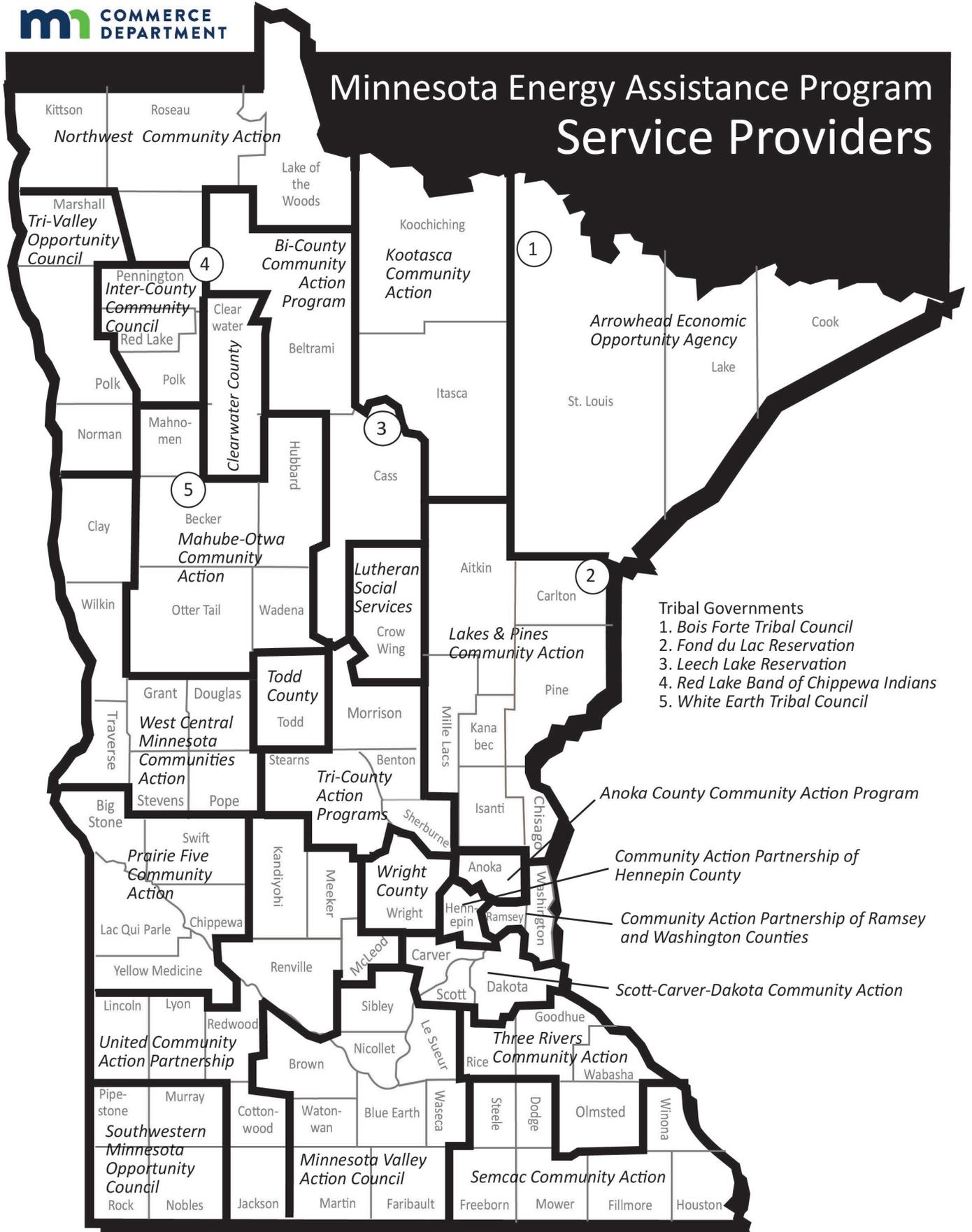
- Eligibility is based on the past three months of income
- Assets such as the home are not considered in determining eligibility
- Grants from \$200 to \$1,400 depending on household size, household income and fuel consumption
- The average grant is about \$500

## FFY20 Maximum Energy Assistance Program Income Guidelines

Based on 50% SMI or 110%\* of federal poverty guidelines, whichever is greater

HH Size	Annual income	3 mo. max. income	HH Size	Annual income	3 mo. max. income
1	\$27,047	\$6,761	4	\$52,014	\$13,003
2	\$35,370	\$8,842	5	\$60,336	\$15,084
3	\$43,692	\$10,923	6	\$68,658	\$17,164

# Minnesota Energy Assistance Program Service Providers



- Tribal Governments**
1. Bois Forte Tribal Council
  2. Fond du Lac Reservation
  3. Leech Lake Reservation
  4. Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians
  5. White Earth Tribal Council