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**Division of Community Action Agencies Iowa LIHEAP Program
Application Period Extended to June 30, 2020**

Funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Program has been provided under the recent Cares Act economic stimulus package passed by Congress. Because of continuing and anticipated demand, the Iowa Department of Human Rights, Division of Community Action Agencies has extended the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) to June 30, 2020.

We know Iowa families are facing many challenges to cope with the COVID-19 virus. Some have lost jobs or had their hours of employment reduced. These circumstances could lead to difficulty in paying your utility bill. If you find yourself in that situation, there is help available through the State's network of local community action agencies that have offices in all 99 counties. Families can apply for the Energy Assistance program at their [local community action agency](#). This program can help pay a portion of an eligible household's utility bill. Eligibility is based on household size and income. Those households who have not already applied, or, who are facing disconnection, are encouraged to do so at this time.

Community action agencies have other types of help available, such as food and clothing pantries, and other services. You can find a link to information about your local community action agency by going to the Iowa Department of Human Rights' website at <https://humanrights.iowa.gov/dcaa/where-apply> or by dialing 2-1-1.