

Home Energy Assistance Program and Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) Administered by: Will County Center for Community Concerns (Gas, Electric and Furnace Assistance)

Will County Center for Community Concerns (WCCCC) administers the Home Energy Assistance Program that helps income-eligible households with their utility bills and furnace assistance. Assistance is available to households whose 30-day gross income is at or below 200% of the poverty level. Assistance for utilities will be available from September 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, or until funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first.

- **Starting September 1, 2021:** WCCCC will accept applications for all income eligible households who are at or below 200% of the poverty level beginning September 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022, or until all funds have been exhausted.
- **Starting September 1, 2021:** WCCCC will accept applications for furnace assistance beginning September 1, 2021, through April 30, 2022, or until all funds have been exhausted. Furnace assistance is available to income eligible owner-occupied households whose existing heating system is not operational or has been red tagged by their utility company. The household income must be at or below 200% of the poverty level.
- **Starting September 1, 2021:** Households will have an option to enroll into the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP), beginning September 1, 2021, through March 31, 2022, or until all funds have been exhausted, whichever comes first. This program is available for income eligible households who are at or below 150% of the poverty level and includes a monthly benefit.

Applications will be taken at University Park
located at:

90 Towncenter Drive, University Park, IL 60484

**Tuesday's from 9am-2:00pm February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 June 7, 14, 21, 28, 2022**
until the daily sign-in sheet is full (whichever comes first).

In addition, applications will be taken at various locations throughout the Will County area.

For more information and the nearest location to apply for assistance
please call 815-722-0722 or go to our website @ www.wcccc.net

To submit an application, you MUST bring ALL required documentation:

1. Social Security Card for everyone in the household
2. ID or Driver's License
3. Income for all household members for the last 30 days
4. Any Household member age 18 or older will need proof they are or are not receiving benefits from DHS (Public Aid) and IDES (Unemployment) if there is no proof of income provided
5. Gas and Electric bill issued within last 30 days
6. All printouts from other agencies, like Food stamps, Medical Card, Social Security, TANF, General Assistance, Veterans Assistance
7. Mortgage statement and tax bill or Deed and tax bill, if applying for Furnace assistance.
8. Other documents may be needed based on your household situation

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2021 INCOME GUIDELINES For the 2022 Program Year

Family Size	200% 30 Day Income	200% Annual Income
1	\$2,147	\$25,760
2	\$2,903	\$34,840
3	\$3,660	\$43,920
4	\$4,417	\$53,000
5	\$5,173	\$62,080
6	\$5,930	\$71,160
7	\$6,590	\$79,081
8	\$6,737	\$80,838
9	\$6,883	\$82,596
10	\$7,029	\$84,353
11	\$7,176	\$86,111
12	\$7,853	\$94,230
13	\$8,420	\$101,040
14	\$8,988	\$107,850
15	\$9,555	\$114,660
16	\$10,123	\$121,470
17	\$10,690	\$128,280
18	\$11,258	\$135,090

For families with more than 18 persons, add \$568 for each additional person. \$6,810

These figures are based on the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines published in the US Department of Health and Human Services in the Federal Register/Volume 86/Number 19/February 1, 2021. Given that HHS allows 150% of FPG or 60% of SMI, where 200% of FPG is lower than 60% of SMI the program will be using 200% of FPG as our highest category. However, for the household size of 7 to 11 members, the benefit at 200% would exceed the allowable 60% SMI.

For households larger than 11 members, the 150% will be set as the maximum income eligibility criteria. The state reserves the right to adjust these levels based on the availability of federal appropriations