

2023-24 Winter Crisis Program



November 1st - March 31st

The Winter Crisis Program (WCP) is a federally funded program designed to help eligible Ohioans meet the rising cost of heating bills during the winter months. Applicants must be at or below 175% of Federal Poverty Guidelines. WCP aids households that are threatened with disconnection, have already been disconnected, need to establish new service, transfer service, have a PIPP default, enrolling in PIPP, or in the case of bulk fuel -wood customers, only have 10 days or less supply (25% or less of tank capacity) Although the WCP program only runs from November 1st to March 31st, agencies have until April 15th to finish processing incomplete or pending applications. Winter Crisis funds can only be used once per household, per winter season.

Regulated gas and electric (AEP-PNG): The utility must be off or in disconnect. Households may receive up to \$175 total. The \$175 payment can be used to stop disconnect, transfer or restore services for both regulated utilities, or establish new service. This is a one-time benefit and both heating sources must be taken care of at the time of application.

Non-regulated electric: The utility must be off or in disconnect. Households may receive up to \$750, which can be used to stop disconnect, transfer service, restore service, or establish new service.

Bulk Fuel: Households may receive a delivery of bulk fuel if they have ten (10) days or less supply of fuel (25% or less tank capacity). Maximum delivery for coal or wood is \$650. Maximum delivery for propane, fuel oil, or kerosene is \$1,200.

Heating Unit Repair: WCP funds can be authorized to repair/replace the main heating source for homeowners. All repairs must be completed by OUR qualified, insured heating unit technician vendor. The company completing the repairs must certify that the heating system is safe and operable before payment can be made. Homeowners are not permitted to perform their own repairs. Up to \$1500 may be used for the heating unit repair. This year this benefit will be separate from electric payment.



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Schedule Your Appointment

740-289-4525

Monday—Friday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm

- On average, appointments are scheduled for 14 to 28 days from the date of your call.
- A limited number of emergency, same-day appointments are available each day. To see if you qualify, and to check availability for a same day appointment, be sure to call by 8:30 am.
- Additional information can be found on the back of this sheet and on our website:

www.pikecac.org

“It is the mission of the Community Action Committee of Pike County to improve the well-being and independence of those we serve.”

2023-2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines at 175%

# in Household	Monthly Gross Income	Annual Gross Income
1	\$2,097.12	\$25,515
2	\$2,386.43	\$34,510
3	\$3,575.75	\$43,505
4	\$4,315.07	\$52,500
5	\$5,054.38	\$61,495
6	\$5,793.70	\$70,490
7	\$6,533.01	\$79,485
8	\$7,272.32	\$88,480

When determining 175% of the FPG, households with more than eight members must add \$8,995 to the yearly income or \$739.31 to the 30 day income for each additional member.

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Documentation Requirements

1. **Photo ID:** for primary applicant
2. **Social Security Cards and birthdates:** for ALL household members
3. **Account Numbers:** for both main heating and electric service
4. **Proof of Co-pay:** (if applicable)
5. **PMHA Lease Amendment Notice:** (if applicable)
6. **Document of Responsibility:** from landlord indicating tenant is responsible for utility bill payment if bill(s) are in landlord's name.
7. **Income Documentation:** for ALL household members.
 - For the last 30 days (or 12 months if self-employed or working seasonal employment)
 - All income documentation must include the client's name or identifying information, such as last four digits of social security number.
 - Must include ALL income sources:
 - * **Social Security, SSI, SSDI:** Current award letter or bank statement showing the deposit, including type of income and name of recipient.
 - * **Pensions, Retirements, Alimony:** Award letter, printout from issuing agency, or copy of check or bank statement showing deposit.
 - * **Unemployment, Employment Disability:** ODJFS documents/eligibility letter with amounts or printout from website.
 - * **Worker's Compensation:** Award letter from BWC or copy of check or bank statement showing deposit.
 - * **Wages:** If paid weekly—the last 5 pay stubs are required. If paid biweekly—last 3. Pay stubs must have employer contact information (i.e. company name and address). If not, please contact us to obtain an Employer Verification Form to be completed by the employer and submitted with pay stubs.
 - * **Utility Assistance:** Housing authority documentation.
 - * **Monetary Assistance:** (when someone living outside of the home provides money or pays bills) - Letter of support completed with amount and frequency, including name, address, and telephone number, with signature and date.
 - * **Child Support, OWF/TANF:** only requested if income is below the threshold (30% of FPG). If so, proof of support for the last 30 days is required.
 - * **Self Employment:** (includes owning a business, babysitting, home party sales, odd jobs, Ohio Electronic Child Care. Copy of most recently filed IRS tax return and Schedule 1.
 - * **Seasonal Employment:** (includes construction workers, teachers, landscapers, etc. not paid on continuous payroll for the entire 12 month period). Paystubs indicating the amount received within the previous 12 months from the date of application.
 - Individuals 18 yrs. or older who are claiming no income are required to provide a Self-Declaration of Income Worksheet or documentation of Excluded Income received, if the household is at or below the threshold (30% FPG). Additional documentation such as child support and/or monetary assistance will be required along with proof of food and medical assistance.
 - Other documentation may be required on a case-by-case basis.

Documentation is required **prior** to the scheduled appointment. Options for documents are:

Email (will be provided at time of call), Drop Off to agency or Fax: 740-289-2375

Questions? Need more information? Call us at 740-289-4525