



# ENERGY ASSISTANCE

## READY TO HELP



**Helping others strengthens us all. So, when life doesn't go as planned, we're ready to support you.**

### **WHY SHOULD I APPLY?**

Every year, people across the country struggle to pay their energy bills which can put health and safety at risk. Programs are available to help.

### **HOW DO I KNOW IF I SHOULD APPLY?**

- "I'm worried that I won't be able to pay my utility bill."
- "I receive benefits such as SNAP, TANF, SSI, etc."
- "I recently experienced life events that created financial hardship."

### **WHEN YOU APPLY YOU WILL NEED THE FOLLOWING:**

- ✔ **A government issued form of identification.**
- ✔ **Proof of income for the entire household.**
- ✔ **A copy of your gas or electric bills. Visit [blackhillsenergy.com](https://blackhillsenergy.com) to view.**

*A copy of rental agreement, if utility bills are included.*

### **ADDITIONAL BILL MANAGEMENT TOOLS:**



**Payment arrangement:** Your full balance due will be divided evenly over an agreed-upon time frame.



**Budget Billing:** A free, stable payment plan that gives you more predictable bills by averaging the amount you pay each month.



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## **WHY LEAP FIRST?**

The Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a federally funded program that helps eligible hard-working Colorado families, seniors and individuals pay a portion of their winter home heating costs.

## **WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?**

The heating season runs from Nov. 1 through April 30.

## **HOW DO I APPLY?**

Starting Nov. 1, individuals can apply online through the Colorado Peak website <https://peak.my.site.com/peak>. From there you can:

1. Download a LEAP application.
2. Once completed, bring in your application to your local human services office. Prefer a paper application mailed to you? Call **1-866-HEAT-HELP**.

## **INCOME GUIDELINES**

Household size	Maximum gross monthly income
1	\$3,382.00
2	\$4,423.00
3	\$5,464.00
4	\$6,505.00
5	\$7,545.00
6	\$8,586.00

*\*For each additional person, add \$195.00*

## **WHAT HAPPENS AFTER APPLYING AND APPROVAL?**

After submitting your application, it will take about 10-25 days to receive approval for LEAP. If any part of your application is incomplete, LEAP will mail you a follow-up letter requesting further information. This does not mean you are denied but you must provide the documents requested to receive approval. For the quickest response, email images or scans of requested documents to your county's office.

## **OTHER WAYS TO GET PAYMENT ASSISTANCE:**



### **Black Hills Cares**

At Black Hills Energy, we have our program that supports our neighbors who are struggling to pay their energy bills. Visit [blackhillsenergy.com/community/black-hills-cares](https://blackhillsenergy.com/community/black-hills-cares).



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Provides resources like utility assistance, housing, food programs and more. For more information call **211** or visit [211colorado.org](https://211colorado.org).