



ENERGY ASSISTANCE

READY TO HELP



SOUTH DAKOTA

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 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 LIEAP FIRST?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) helps families stay safe and healthy by providing federally funded assistance for energy bills, crises, weatherization and minor home energy repairs.

WHEN SHOULD I APPLY?

Heating season assistance is Oct. 1 through Mar, 31.
Applications are accepted year-round.

HOW DO I APPLY?

To apply or print application for LIEAP, visit **dss.sd.gov**.

INCOME GUIDELINES

Household size	2024-2025 Heating season income limits
1 person	\$7,530.00
2 person	\$10,220.00
3 person	\$12,910.00
4 person	\$15,858.00
5 person	\$18,396.00
6 person	\$20,933.00

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER APPLYING AND APPROVAL?

- You will be notified by mail of your eligibility determination.
- If additional information is required, a letter will be sent to you requesting the needed information.
- Applications will be processed within 60 days.
- Call **800-233-8503** and press option 1 to check the application status.

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**.



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Provides resources like utility assistance, housing, food programs and more. For more information call **211** or visit **211.org**.