



## Lincoln County Department of Social Services Heating Assistance for 2025-2026

### **Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)**

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program provides families with a one-time vendor payment to help pay their heating bills. LIEAP runs from December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

Priority in eligibility is given to households containing a person aged 60 and older or disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. Applications for this group start on December 1<sup>st</sup> and will continue until March 31<sup>st</sup> or until funds are exhausted.

**NOTE:** Individuals in this priority group may receive an automated payment to their vendor if they currently receive Food and Nutrition Services and received LIEAP during the 2024-2025 season. These households will be notified of eligibility by the state via mail.

Applications for all other households will be taken January 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> or until all funds are exhausted.

### **Where Do I Apply?**

- To apply **in person**: Lincoln County Department of Social Services located at 1136 East Main Street, Lincolnton, N. C. 28092. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (except holidays).
- To apply **by telephone**: Lincoln County Department of Social Services at (704)732-0738. Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (except holidays).
- To apply **online**: Visit the website [epass.nc.gov](http://epass.nc.gov)
- Visit **outreach** locations across the county.

***\*\*\*Funding for all regular LIEAP applications starting December 1<sup>st</sup> is not yet finalized due to the closing/reopening of the federal government. LIEAP funds may be delayed or discontinued. Updates will be issued as more information becomes available. \*\*\****