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LIHEAP Applications Not Accepted Until Further Notice

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – The Navajo Nation Department for Family Services is no longer accepting applications for its 2023 low-income energy assistance program.

This change took effect on Monday, June 12.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, or LIHEAP, is a federally-funded assistance program for eligible households. It's designed to manage expenses with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization, and energy-related minor home repairs.

The program is run by the Department for Family Services, or DFS, within the Navajo Nation Division of Social Services, or DSS.

LIHEAP applications are no longer being accepted for funding year 2023, said Eric Gale, DFS Department Manager III.

“Every year, the Division of Social Services receives LIHEAP funds through the Indian Self-Determination Act, known as 638,” he said. “Applications are accepted when funds are available. We expect to deplete our funding with the applications that are currently pending processing.”

He said the program will resume accepting applications when funds are replenished.

“As soon as funds are available,” he said, “we will announce the availability of LIHEAP applications.”

Families living on the Navajo Nation and who are in dire need of home energy assistance can apply for the Community Service Block Grant, said Thomas Cody, Executive Director of the Division of Social Services.

Navajo Nation enrolled members who live off the Nation should apply for LIHEAP assistance through the state they reside in, he said.

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