

PY 2023 Indiana Energy Assistance and Water Assistance Program Application INSTRUCTIONS

- Please choose whether you are applying for regular Energy Assistance (electricity and heating), water and wastewater assistance, or both.
- If you are currently scheduled for disconnection or already disconnected on any utility, or if you are running low or out of bulk heating fuel, check the box to inform the agency you are in crisis.
- Please complete the application form **in its entirety**, including fields with yes/no options.

Part I: Contact Information

- **Please fill in all information completely**, including the full name and last four digits of SSN for the person completing the application for the household. If you do not fully complete the information or provide good methods of contact, it may delay application processing.

Part II: Home and Utility Information

- Please complete all fields completely.
- Please submit your **current** electricity, heating, and/or water/wastewater bills with your application.

Part III: Income and Benefits

- Please complete all fields, indicating **all** forms of income or non-cash benefit assistance received by any member of the household in the past three months.
- Please submit **current** documentation of income along with your application.
- If anybody in your household has **paid** child support in the past three months, submit proof of payments to have child support deducted from household income.
- Please identify any members of the household ages 14-24 who are neither working nor attending school as of the date of application.

Part IV: Household Members and Demographics

- **Please include yourself as household member number 1.**
- **You must list all persons residing at the address of application as of the date of application.**
- You must complete **all fields** for **all individuals**. Failure to complete demographic information will delay your application processing as the local service provider will need to contact you to gather this information.
- **If there are more than four persons in your household, you will require an attachment to list the other members.** Please contact your local service provider for the attachment and check the box to notify the intake processing your application that there are more than four people present.
- Please use the codes provided to identify race, ethnicity, employment status, education level, Health Insurance, and Military status for each household member.
- Identify anybody in the household who may be an employee/staff member, board member, or subcontractor of the agency you are applying with, or who is related to any of these roles.
- Please define your household type according to the options provided.

Part V: Certification



- **Failure to sign and date the certification statement will invalidate your application.**

Submitting your application

- Please submit your application to the local service provider administering EAP for your county, not to IHCD.
- If you do not know who your local service provider is, you may identify them by dialing 2-1-1 or by visiting <http://eap.ihcda.in.gov>. It should also be listed on the front of the application.
- Please submit the following documents with your application (photocopies are acceptable):
 1. Photo ID for the person completing and signing the application.
 2. Proof of SSN for each member of the household. This may be:
 - Copy of Social Security card.
 - Copy of a valid U.S. passport.
 - Copy of a valid state-issued REAL ID.
 - Copy of a pre-printed federal form, such as correspondence from the Social Security Administration or a W-2, that contains the person's name and full, unredacted SSN.
 3. Current documentation of income for all household members age 18 or over. This may include:
 - Employment/wages
 - **Most recent** paystub
 - Request for Earnings information form – contact Local Service Provider
 - Social Security/SSI/VA benefits
 - Most recent **complete** award letter (may be downloaded from online)
 - **Complete** bank statement
 - Pension/retirement
 - Award letter
 - Self-Employment
 - Most recent Form 1040 tax return, with all appropriate self-employment schedules.
 - Unemployment Benefits
 - Completed release of information form for DWD.
 - **Full** print-out of your most current Uplink statement.
 - Alimony/spousal support/Worker's Compensation/Private disability
 - Any documentation of payments received.
 - Odd Jobs/irregular income/No Income
 - Completed Income Verification form – contact Local Service Provider
 - If you have any questions about acceptable documentation, contact your local service provider.
 4. Current, complete bills for your electric, heating, and water/wastewater utilities.
 - If you heat with bulk deliverable fuel, provide most recent delivery receipt.
 - If utilities are included in your rent, please provide completed Landlord Affidavit.
 - Please ensure you are providing the **full and complete** billing statement!
- Depending on household circumstances, additional documentation may be required. Please contact your local service provider with any additional questions.

Indiana Energy Assistance and Water Assistance Program Application

Program Year 2023

 	Lake County Community Services, INC. (LCCS, INC.) 1450 E. Joliet Street, Suite 202 Crown Point, IN 46307 219-663-0627 www.lccs.care/energy-assistance-program/ Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Excluding Holidays	For Provider/Agency Use Only
		Date received: _____ Application number: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Mail-In <input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach/Home Visit/Other
		Household is disconnected or out of fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Household has d/c notice or less than 25% fuel: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Household heat source is inoperable: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
What kind of assistance are you applying for? <input type="checkbox"/> Utility Assistance (electricity and heating) <input type="checkbox"/> Water Assistance <input type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if your electric or heating utility is disconnected or scheduled for disconnection, or you are low or out of bulk heating fuel or prepaid electricity. If your utility has been disconnected or is scheduled for disconnection, or if you are low or out of a prepaid, bulk deliverable fuel, contact your local service provider listed above to request a crisis appointment. If you need other emergency options, please call 2-1-1.		
Part I: Contact Information		
Applicant Name	Last four digits of SSN	County
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Physical Address (Including Apartment/Lot/Trailer Number)	City	State Zip
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If you have a PO box or an alternate mailing address, please list it below. Otherwise, please leave blank.		
Please provide at least one form of contact information. Failure to provide accurate contact information may delay application processing.		
Telephone number	Mobile phone carrier	E-mail Address - check box to give consent for us to e-mail you. <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Landline <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent to receive texts	
Part II: Home and Utility Information		
Home Type (Please check one)	Utilities and Payment	
<input type="checkbox"/> Site-built single house <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-unit (apartment, condo, duplex, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> Mobile home <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Electricity Vendor: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent Heating Vendor: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent Water Vendor: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent Wastewater Vendor: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Included in rent	
Home Ownership (Please check one)	Do you have a secondary heating source installed?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Own <input type="checkbox"/> Rent <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, please describe: _____	
Primary Heating Source (please check one)	Primary Heating Fuel (please check one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Furnace/Heat Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Baseboard/Wall Unit <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Stove <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Propane <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Oil <input type="checkbox"/> Wood <input type="checkbox"/> Kerosene <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Is it working? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
The Weatherization program provides energy conservation measures to reduce the utility bills of low-income Hoosiers across the state. Would your Household be interested in a referral to the Weatherization program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Part III: Income and Benefits		
Please indicate all types of income received by any member of the household in the past three months. Check all that apply.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Employment/wages <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Retirement <input type="checkbox"/> Social Security Disability <input type="checkbox"/> SSI <input type="checkbox"/> Self-Employment <input type="checkbox"/> Pension/Retirement <input type="checkbox"/> VA Disability <input type="checkbox"/> VA Pension <input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> Alimony/Spousal Support <input type="checkbox"/> Workers' Compensation <input type="checkbox"/> Private Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Odd jobs/irregular income <input type="checkbox"/> No income <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Please indicate <u>all</u> sources of assistance received by any member of the household. Check all that apply.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing <input type="checkbox"/> Permanent Supportive Housing <input type="checkbox"/> VASH <input type="checkbox"/> SNAP (Food Stamps) <input type="checkbox"/> TANF <input type="checkbox"/> Child care voucher <input type="checkbox"/> WIC <input type="checkbox"/> Child support <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Care Act subsidy <input type="checkbox"/> Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____		
Has anybody in the household paid child support in the past three months?	Is anybody in the household between the ages of 14-24 and neither working nor attending school?	
<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please submit proof of payments)	<input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please list): _____	

Please complete and sign page 2 - Application is not valid without signature and date.

Use blue or black ink only and be sure to fully complete all fields. Failure to fully complete application may delay processing.

Part IV: Household Members and Demographics

List all people residing in household, including yourself. Check here and attach additional sheet if more than four people are in household:

	Last Name and Suffix	First Name	M.I.	Date of Birth	Gender	Disabled?	Race	Ethnicity	Employment	Edu-cation	Health Insurance	Military Status
							Please use codes listed below					
Applicant					<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/enby	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
2					<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/enby	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
3					<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/enby	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						
4					<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Other/enby	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No						

Race Codes: A - Asian; B - Black or African American; I - American Indiana or Alaska Native; P - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; W - White; M - Multi-race; O - Other	Ethnicity Codes: H - Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins N - Not Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origins	Employment Codes: FT - Employed full-time; PT - Employed part time; R - Retired; US - Unemployed six months or less; UL - Unemployed longer than six months; NL - Not in labor force; M - Migrant Seasonal farm worker
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Education codes: A - Grades 0-8; B - Grades 9-12, Non-graduate; C - High School Graduate/Equivalency Diploma; D - Some post-secondary school; E - 2- or 4-year college degree; F - Other post-secondary graduate	Health Insurance Codes: A - Medicaid; B - Medicare; C - State Children's Health Insurance Program; D - State Health Insurance for Adults; E - Military Health Care; F - Direct-Purchase; G - Employment-Based; N - None	Military Codes: A - Active-duty military V - Veteran N - No affiliation
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Is anybody in the household affiliated with this agency as an employee/staff member, board member, or subcontractor, or related to any such member? <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please list): _____	Household Type (please check one) <input type="checkbox"/> Single Person <input type="checkbox"/> Two Adults, No Children <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent, Female <input type="checkbox"/> Single Parent, Male <input type="checkbox"/> Two-Parent Household <input type="checkbox"/> Non-related adults with children <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Generational Household (three or more generations) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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Part V: Certification

Disclaimer: I certify under the penalties for perjury and fraud that the information provided in this application is correct and true. I understand that I may be required to verify these statements and hereby give my consent to the agency from which I am requesting assistance to make contact with any necessary persons to verify these statements. I am a resident of Indiana and an applicant for the Energy Assistance, Water Assistance, and/or Weatherization Assistance Program(s). I acknowledge any services or materials provided to my household will be a gift without consideration or payment by me. I give permission to the State of Indiana and the agency from which I am requesting assistance to obtain information from my energy supplier, including about my energy usage and payment history. I understand that the State of Indiana may use information provided on this form for purposes of research, evaluation and analysis. I also understand that the State of Indiana may use information provided on this form to see if I qualify for any other assistance programs. I hereby release the State of Indiana, the Local Service Provider or other entity from any liability whatsoever resulting from delivery of these activities. I have received no expressed or implied warranties concerning my receipt of these services. I also acknowledge that if I misrepresent or fail to disclose any information requested in this application, I may become ineligible from receiving Energy Assistance, Water Assistance, and/or Weatherization Assistance and may be required to repay any assistance and/or benefits that I have received based on any such misrepresentation or omission.

Energy Assistance Program and Low Income Home Water Assistance Program benefits are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.

Signature of person completing this form (required)	Date (required)

Privacy Notice and Your Rights and Responsibilities

Privacy Act Provisions: Federal laws require us to tell you about your rights and responsibilities before we collect and use information about you that is classified as private or confidential. This form provides you with important information that complies with the federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).

Please read this *Privacy Notice* carefully before completing and signing the *Indiana Energy Assistance Program application*, and keep this *Privacy Notice* in your records for future use. This *Privacy Notice* applies to the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

Why do we collect the information on the application?

We will use your information to research, evaluate and administer the EAP and WAP programs. We need the information:

- To know you from other individuals.
- To see if you qualify for assistance.
- To allow us to get federal or state funds for the assistance you receive.
- To meet federal or state reporting requirements.

Do you have to give us the information?

You have the right to not give us the information we ask for.

What happens if you give or do not give us the information?

If you give us the information requested on the application, your application will be processed. If you do not give us that information:

- Your application will not be processed.
- You might not receive services.
- You might not receive help with energy bills.
- Your services might be delayed.

We will keep whatever information you give us, whether or not your application is approved.

Who may see this information?

The following persons may receive information contained in your application if: (i) they need access to the application information to do their jobs in connection with the EAP and WAP, or (ii) they are otherwise authorized by federal or state law to receive it, or (iii) they use the information for reports, to measure outcomes, and for referrals and eligibility purposes:

- Local Energy Programs Service Providers under contract with IHCD.
- Program auditors as required or permitted by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars.
- United States Departments of Health and Human Services and Energy.
- Persons so authorized pursuant to court order or subpoena.
- Your energy companies for affordability and Energy Programs.
- United States Social Security Administration.
- Lifeline/Telephone Assistance Plan for verifying program eligibility.
- Other agencies or entities as allowed by federal or state law.

Why do we collect Social Security Numbers?

We use Social Security Numbers in the administration of the EAP and WAP to assure eligible applicants and their household members receive only allowable benefits. Federal law allows us to require you to disclose your Social Security Number in order to process your application and to prevent, detect and correct fraud and abuse. AUTHORITY: Section 205(c)(2)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

Why do we ask for information about your race?

This is voluntary information. It is compiled and recorded for statistical purposes only. The program does not discriminate for reasons of race or ethnic background, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation.