

Summer Crisis Program

The Home Energy Assistance Summer Crisis Program provides a one-time benefit to eligible Ohioans with cooling assistance during the summer months. The program runs from July 1 to September 30.

The focus of the Summer Crisis Program is to provide assistance with electric utility bills, central air conditioning repairs, and air conditioning unit and/or fan purchases. Households with a household member who is either 60 years of age or older, have a certified medical condition, and households whose electric has been disconnected, are in threat of disconnection, or a new service is being established. If Ohioans meets Summer Crisis eligibility and happen to be in PIPP default or first PIPP, the minimum amount to get the client out of disconnect could be paid, and may receive central air conditioning repairs, or may receive an air conditioning unit and/or fan. The maximum benefit cannot be exceeded for any client.

Who is Eligible for the Summer Crisis Program?

Ohioans with a household income at or below 175% of the federal poverty guidelines and have a household member who is either:

- 60 years of age and older
- Can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health, or
- Households whose electric has been disconnected, are in threat of disconnection, or a new service is being established, may be eligible for assistance.

To apply for the program, clients are required to schedule an appointment with the CAO of Scioto County. Appointments can be scheduled by calling 740-354-7541.

Clients need to bring copies of the following documents to their appointment:

- Copies of their most recent energy bills.
- Social Security cards for all household members and proof of income for the last 30 days or 12 months for each member.
- Proof of U.S. citizenship or legal residency for all household members.
- Proof of disability (if applicable).
- Physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's health (if there isn't a household member over the age of 60).

For more information about the features of the Summer Crisis Program and what is needed to apply, contact CAO of Scioto County HEAP office at 740-354-7541. To be connected to your local Energy Assistance provider visit www.energyhelp.ohio.gov or call (800) 282-0880.

