

Dear Energy Assistance Program Applicant,

Enclosed is an application packet to apply for the 2023-2024 Energy Assistance Program (EAP). Instructions for applying are included on Pages 3 and 4. Use only the forms that apply to you. If you need additional forms, please email eap@insccap.org or contact your local SCCAP office to request them.

EAP begins on November 1, 2023. We can't help with disconnects or crisis before that date. If you need help before then, contact your energy provider, local trustee, or 2-1-1 for resources.

Send your completed application to your local SCCAP office. Your application must be complete before we can help you.

## We no longer have a water assistance program.

# The last day to apply for the 2023-2024 Energy Assistance Program is May 20, 2024 at 5pm Eastern Time. We cannot accept an application after that.

Use the code below to visit our SCCAP website for information about the program. Starting October 2, 2023, you can also find a link there to apply online for EAP. If you choose to apply online, you must be able to upload your paperwork with your online application.



If you have questions about your application, email us at **eap@insccap.org** or call your local SCCAP office at the phone number listed at the bottom of this page.

Follow SCCAP on Facebook (facebook.com/insccap) and Instagram (instagram.com/insccap) for any updates about the program as they become available.

Thank you, The SCCAP Energy Assistance Program Staff

Monroe County 1500 W. 15<sup>th</sup> St. Bloomington, IN 47404 Ph: 812-339-3447 Fax: 812-334-8366 **Brown County** P.O. Box 730 746 Memorial Dr. Nashville, IN 47448 Ph: 812-988-6636 Fax: 812-988-8586 Morgan County 159 W. Morgan St. Martinsville, IN 46151 Ph: 765-342-1518 Fax: 765-342-3460

Owen County 205 E. Morgan St. Suite D Spencer, IN 47460 Ph: 812-829-2279 Fax: 812-829-2505



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Indiana Housing & Community Development Author

#### **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 IHCDA.
- 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.
- 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 information is compiled and recorded for statistical purposes only and is included on our federally mandated reporting. The program does not discriminate for reasons of race or ethnic background, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation.



# PY 2024 Indiana Energy Assistance Program Application INSTRUCTIONS

- Please note that Indiana's Energy Assistance Program provides a one-time benefit payment. This is not recurring monthly assistance, and is not designed to cover all of your utility costs for a year.
- 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 and heating bills or account statements 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 <u>all persons</u> 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 (five on the large print form), 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 IHCDA.
- 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. <u>Photo ID for the person completing and signing the application</u>.
  - 2. <u>Proof of SSN for each member of the household</u>. 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 and heating 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 <u>full and complete</u> billing statement!
- <u>Depending on household circumstances, additional documentation may be required</u>. Please contact your local service provider with any additional questions.

## Indiana Energy Assistance Program Application

Program Year 2024

	South Ce	entral Community Act	tion	For Provider/Agency Use Only						
South Central Community Action Program		Program	Date received:							
<b>COSCAP</b>		1500 W. 15th St.	А	pplication n	umber:					
Empowering people to reach their potential		omington, IN 47404		Mail-In	Appointment	Outre	ach/Ho	ome Visit/O	ther	
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Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority			н	lousehold he	at source is inoperab	le:		Yes	No	
Check here if your electric or hea	iting utility is d	isconnected or scheduled fo	or disconn	ection, or yo	u are low or out of b	ulk heating f	uel or	prepaid e	lectricity.	
If your utility has been disconnect	ed or is schedu	led for disconnection, or if y	ou are lo	w or out of a	prepaid, bulk delive	rable fuel, co	ntact	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 Apartme	ent/Lot/Trailer	Number)			City		State	Zip		
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Home Type (Please check one)				Utilities and	Payment					
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Primary Heating Source (please cheo	:k one)	Primary Heating Fuel (plea	se check	ck one) Do you have a secondary heating source installe					lled?	
Furnace/Heat Pump Baseboard/Wall Unit Electric Natural Ga				Propa	ne 🗌 Yes 🗌	No				
Wood Stove Other: Fuel Oil Wood/Pellets										
Is it working? Yes No					If yes, please	e describe:				
The Weatherization program provid	es energy cons	ervation measures to reduc	e the utili	ty bils of low	-income		Yes	🗌 No		
Hoosiers across the state. Would yo	ur Household I	be interested in a referral to	the Wea	therization p	rogram?		-			
		Part III: Incor	ne and Be	nefits						
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Pension/Retirement       VA Disability       VA Pension       Unemployment Benefits       Alimony/Spousal Support         Workers' Compensation       Private Disability       Odd jobs/irregular income       No income       Other:										
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Child care voucher IVIC Child support Affordable Care Act subsidy Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)										
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Has anybody in the household <u>paid</u>			attending		; (please list):					
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Please complete and sign page 2 - Application is not valid without signature and date.

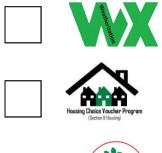
Use blue or black ink <u>only</u> and be sure to fully complete <u>all</u> fields. Failure to fully complete application may delay processing.

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List <u>all</u> people residing in household, <u>including yourself</u> . Check here and attach additional sheet if more than four people are in household:													
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<b>C</b> - High School Graduate/Equivalency Diploma;		<b>C</b> - State Children's Health Insurance Program;				n; <b>A</b> - Active-duty military							
D - Some post-secondary school; E - 2- or 4-year college							dults; <b>E</b> - Mil		ealth Care;	v	- Vetera	n	
degree; <b>F</b> - Other post-secondary graduate			F - Direct-Purchase; G - Employment-Based; N - None     N - No affiliation										
Is anybody in the household affiliated with this agency				hold Type (p	lease chec	k one)							
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				Multi-Generational Household (three or more generations)									
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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, or if I am signing or submitting this application or any supporting													
documentation without the legal authority to do so, I may become ineligible from receiving Energy Assistance and/or Weatherization Assistance and may be required													
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Energy Assistance Program and Low Income Home Water Assistance Program benefits are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability,													
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# **Agency Referral Form**

South Central Community Action Program's mission is to help everyone achieve personal and economic independence to strengthen our community. To achieve this mission, we offer a variety of programs within our agency. Please initial next to any programs that you would like to learn more about. Program information will be sent out with your notification letter after applying for the Energy Assistance Program. Please notice the first 3 programs listed are available in Brown, Monroe, Morgan, and Owen counties, while the rest are available only to Monroe County residents.



Weatherization is an energy conservation program that increases the energy efficiency of a home, as well as health and safety conditions for its occupants.

Housing Choice Vouchers provides vouchers for low-income households to find their own rental units within U.S. Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) guidelines. We provide vouchers in Brown, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Clay, and Greene counties.



Covering Kids and Families addresses health insurance needs by helping clients to understand, obtain, and maintain health insurance.

# Programs below are offered ONLY in Monroe County



Head Start & Early Head Start promote the school readiness of children from lowincome families in Monroe County. We support comprehensive child development by providing education, healthcare, and family well-being services.



Thriving Connections is a community building model that gathers diverse people to cultivate intentional relationships across economic class by creating a safe harbor to focus on achieving financial, emotional, mental, physical, social, and spiritual growth.



City of Blue for assist

City of Bloomington Utilities Water & Trash Program is available to qualified persons for assistance paying their water bill and/or obtaining trash services.

#### Signature

Date

My signature above confirms that I release and agree to hold harmless SCCAP and its directors, employees, attorneys, agents, insurers, and representatives (collectively, "Releasees") from any and all claims, liability, expenses, costs and damages (including attorney's fees) that I may incur, directly or indirectly, as a result of SCCAP's or any other entity's collection, receipt, possession, processing, use, dissemination, disclosure, transfer, or publication of (or as a result of any decisions made by any entity based on) any information about me or my dependents that I provide in connection with any application or request for services, benefits, or participation in the Energy Assistance Program or any other above-listed program.



# SCCAP Customer Satisfaction Survey

SCCAP relies on your feedback to continue improving our services. Your feedback is important to us. We appreciate you taking the time to complete this survey.

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Is this your first vis							
□ Yes	🗆 No						
What county do yo	ou live in?						
□ Brown □ Owen			$\Box$ N	Ionroe	□ Morgan		
What was the purp	oose of your	visit?					
$\Box$ Apply for help w	ith utility bil	ls	Housing	Appointment			
□ Sign up for Head	l Start/ Early	Head Start	$\Box$ Apply fo	r weatherization			
$\Box$ Other (please exp	plain):						
What SCCAP servic	es have you	used before?					
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□ Weatherization Assistance Program			🗆 Energy As	sistance Program	$\Box$ CKF		
□ Thriving Connections			□ Growing	Opportunities	$\Box$ None of these		
If you received an □ N/A (I didn't rec			in the mail fro	m us, did you use a	any of the tips? $\Box$ Yes $\Box$ No		
If so, what tips did	you try?						
If you tried using t	he tips to sav	ve energy, did	you notice a de	ecrease in your bill?	? □ Yes □ No □ Not sure yet		
Please ran	k the followi	ng aspects of y	your visit/conta	ect with SCCAP:			
The office was eas	y to find, we	ll -marked, and	d convenient.				
□ Strongly Agree		□ Neutral	□ Disagree	□ Strongly Disag	ree 🛛 Not applicable		
I was served in a ti	mely manne	r.					
□ Strongly Agree	□ Agree	□ Neutral	□ Disagree	□ Strongly Disag	ree 🛛 Not applicable		

Staff was courteous	s and helpful.					
□ Strongly Agree	□ Agree	Neutral	□ Disagree	□ Strongly Dis	agree	□ Not applicable
My need or reason	for phone call	or visit to S	SCCAP was take	en care of.		
$\Box$ Yes	🗆 No- I did	not qualify		I need to provid	e additi	onal documentation
□ No- SCCAP does	s not offer the s	ervice I nee	ed			
If you answered "N	o" above, what	service did	you need?			
If SCCAP could not	-					
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Since participating	in SCCAP servio	ces, do you	feel you are:			
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Would you be inter	rested in sharin	g your stor	ry? If yes, plea	se provide your c	ontact	details.
	No					
Name/Email or Pho	ne Number:					
Please provide any	other feedbac	k you have	for our agency	:		

All SCCAP services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, ancestry or status as a veteran.



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- Wash clothes in cold water.
- Turn off TV when leaving room.
- Wear a sweater and turn down the thermostat a degree or two.





# **About SCCAP**

South Central Community Action Program (SCCAP) is a nonprofit organization based in Bloomington, Indiana that has served low-income people for 55 years. Our mission is to provide opportunities for all people to achieve personal and economic independence to strengthen our community.

# SCCAP is also proud to offer:

Early Head Start

Head Start

**Energy Assistance** 

Housing Choice Voucher

**Thriving Connections** 

**Growing Opportunities** 

**Covering Kids and Families** 

All SCCAP services are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, national origin, ancestry or status as a veteran.



Good for your wallet, good for the planet!





# What is weatherization?

The Weatherization Assistance Program began in 1976 to combat high energy bills for America's most vulnerable citizens. The Weatherization program qualification is income based and gives priority to the elderly, people with disabilities and families with children.

# Income limits for 2023 by family size

- ❖ 1 person \$29,160
  ❖ 2 persons \$39,440
  ❖ 3 persons \$49,720
- 4 persons \$60,000
- ✤ 5 persons \$70,280

Add \$10,280 for each additional person.

Apply for weatherization by calling 812-339-3447 ext 702 or calling your county office for more information.

# Health & Safety measures

- Perform heating system safety testing.
- Combustion appliance safety testing.
- Inspect vent systems.
- Install mechanical ventilation to ensure adequate indoor air quality.
- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Evaluate mold or moisture hazards.
- Incidental safety repairs if necessary.

# Mechanical measures

- Clean, tune, repair or replace heating systems when needed.
- Seal leaks in heating ducts.
- Repair or replace water heaters if necessary.
- Insulate water heating pipes.
- Fix improper dryer venting.

# Building shell measures

- Install insulation where needed.
- Blower door directed air sealing.



# **Client Education Activities**

- Educate on potential household hazards such as carbon monoxide, mold & moisture, indoor air pollutants, lead paint and radon.
- Instruction on how to use any newly installed equipment.
- Discuss the benefits of using energy efficient products.

# Baseload measures

- Install LED bulbs.
- Install low flow shower heads and sink aerators.
- Water heater pipe insulation.

