

2021 SUMMER CRISIS PROGRAM

Pamela Pittenger, Emergency Program Director for Jackson-Vinton Community Action, Inc., is announcing funding is available to help with electric service through the Summer Crisis Program (SCP). This funding is provided by Ohio Department of Development - Office of Community Assistance (OCA) from July 1 through September 30, 2021. The program will provide cooling assistance to households with a person age 60 or older, or an individual/family with a documented, qualifying medical condition. Total household income must be at or below 175% of the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines. This service is limited to one time during the program year.

Customers, under 60 years of age, must provide documentation of a medical condition by a licensed physician or registered nurse practitioner, issued no more than one year prior to the date of the SCP application. The form should state, "Due to an illness, this client would benefit from continued electric services." Customers with a medical condition classified as CHRONIC must have documentation, once every three years, stating, "Due to a chronic illness, this client would benefit from continued electric services".

SCP funds can be used for customers enrolling on PIPP Plus for the first time or have a PIPP default. American Electric Power maximum SCP benefits is up to \$500, benefits for customers served by City of Jackson, Buckeye Rural Electric and South Central Power maximum benefits is up to \$800. If copayment is required by customer, proof of payment must be provided prior to SCP approval. Air conditioners will be available again this year.

Household incomes must be at or below 175% of 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines to be eligible for assistance: One person in household: \$22,540; 2 persons: \$30,485; 3 persons: \$38,430; 4 persons: \$46,375; Add \$7,945 per additional household member per twelve months.

Documents required for application process includes:

- Proof of household income, such as a copy of current monthly check, statement from caseworker, a for 30-days or twelve-month income statement from employer.
- Self-employed - most recent filed income tax return packet
- Social Security cards for all household members
- Proof of Disability, if disabled
- Proof of disconnection of current electric bill and proof of primary heating source.
- City of Jackson must have all water, sewer and garbage paid prior to approval of the Summer Crisis Program assistance approval.
- Buckeye Rural Electric and South Central Power, if copayment is required must be paid prior to approval of Summer Crisis Program
- Documentation of medical condition, if under 60 years of age

Applications can be processed with a phone interview with agency staff. To schedule a phone interview, call 740-384-6421 Ext 10 or toll free call 800-686-4339. For more information, please call Pamela Pittenger at Ext 40. An Equal Opportunity Employer/Provider of Services.