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Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program

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The *Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program* provides grants to local governments and non-profit agencies to assist eligible low-income households in meeting the costs of home heating and cooling. The majority of the funds are used for utility payment assistance.

The program can assist customers in paying their home energy expenses. Three categories of assistance exist: home energy assistance, crisis assistance, and weather related or supply shortage emergency assistance. Each category has unique requirements.

To be eligible for the program, household income may not exceed 150% of the poverty guidelines and allowable and unallowable sources of income*. If the household's income is greater than this amount, the household may still be eligible because some types of income are not counted. The household must provide proof, such as a utility bill, that they are responsible for all or part of the energy costs for the household. Please call your local agency* to verify that funds are available, what documents will be needed, and when and where they are accepting applications. Typically, applicants will need the following:

- Copy or original of energy bill.
- For applicant only - Copy of identification (I.D., voter registration card, driver's license.)
- Copies of proof of income for every member of the household. Proof can be the following:
 - Letter from employer or consecutive pay stubs showing gross income for at least the last thirty days or an income tax return.
 - Award letter or letter from individual or agency from which income is received.
 - S.S.A., S.S.I., V.A., Pension, Welfare
 - Child Support/Alimony
 - Friends or Relatives
 - Any other income source
 - Proof that you are receiving assistance from:
 - Food Stamps
 - Weatherization Assistance Program
 - Community Services Block Grant Program
 - In the absence of proof of income, program administrators may allow an applicant to sign a self-declaration form on a case-by- case basis. This may be used ONLY when an applicant has no proof.

AGENCY/PROGRAM(S) ADMINISTERED

ALACHUA

CSBG/LIHEAP/WAP/WAP-LIHEAP

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**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
FY 2005-2006 ALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME**

**ALLOWABLE
SOURCES OF INCOME**
(Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)

**UNALLOWABLE
SOURCES OF INCOME**

1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions
2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses)
3. Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses)
4. REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:
 - Social Security
 - Railroad retirement
 - Unemployment compensation
 - Strike benefits from union funds
 - Worker's compensation
 - Veteran's payments

Public Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, and non-federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments.
6. Training stipends
7. Alimony
8. Child Support
9. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household
10. Private pensions
11. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay)
12. Regular insurance or annuity payments
13. College or university scholarships
14. Grants
15. Fellowships
16. Assistantship
17. Dividends
18. Interest
19. Net rental income
20. Net royalties
21. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts
22. Net gambling or lottery winnings

1. CAPITAL GAINS
Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car.
2. Tax Refunds
3. Gifts
4. Loans
5. Lump-sum inheritances
6. One-time insurance payments
7. Compensation for injury
8. NON-CASH BENEFITS
Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits

Food or housing received in lieu of wages

The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms.

The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing.

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Income Limits

The following 2005 - 2006 household income limits are based on 100% of the national poverty guidelines as published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 70, Number 33, February 18, 2005. Be sure to read about allowable and unallowable sources of income*.

Table - Household Income Limits

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	150%
1	\$14,355
2	\$19,245
3	\$24,135
4	\$29,025
5	\$33,915
6	\$38,805
7	\$43,695
8	\$48,585
Add this amount for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.	\$4,890