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Application Deadline Approaching for Energy and Water Assistance Programs

TOPEKA – Qualifying Kansans are encouraged to submit applications to receive assistance paying for water and energy bills this month. The Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) and Emergency Water Assistance Program (EWAP), both managed by the Kansas Department for Children and Families (DCF), will stop accepting applications at 5 p.m. on March 31.

LIEAP is an annual program that provides financial assistance to families struggling to pay their heating bills during the cold winter months. Information about the program, including how to apply and Frequently Asked Questions, are available at www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx.

EWAP was created in 2021 in response to the COVID pandemic. It was established to help families restore or prevent the disconnection of drinking water and wastewater services. This temporary program will close permanently on March 31. Learn more and apply for the program by visiting www.dcf.ks.gov/services/eas/Pages/EnergyAssistance.aspx.

The income qualifications for both programs are:

Persons Living at the Address	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,699
2	\$2,289
3	\$2,879
4	\$3,469
5	\$4,059
6	\$4,649
7	\$5,239
8	\$5,829
	<i>*Add \$590 for each additional person</i>

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