



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Summer Energy Assistance Program**

The City of Rockford Human Services Department will be taking applications for the summer energy assistance program at local community sites in Boone and Winnebago Counties from July 15<sup>th</sup> through July 26<sup>th</sup>. **Applications will be taken by appointment only.** The State of Illinois, Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Office of Energy Assistance has released \$167,400 in cooling assistance funds which will provide 1,116 applicants with a \$150 benefit on their Commonwealth Edison utility bill.

**To be eligible** a household must meet the following guidelines:

- Be income qualified with income at or below-

Household Size	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Additional person
Maximum gross past 30 day income (before taxes)	\$1,436	\$1,939	2,441	\$2,944	\$3,446	\$502/person

**AND** meet one of the following qualifying standards:

- Households that contain a member with a medical condition that can be improved by air conditioning, such as asthma, emphysema, respiratory allergies, coronary disease and terminal illnesses. Required documentation must include a doctor's certification letter dated within the last ninety days, stating that the medical condition would be aggravated by extreme heat.
- Households that contain a member who is elderly (age 60 and above).
- Households that contain children under 60 months (5 years) of age or younger.
- Households that contain a member receiving social security disability benefits or with a pending determination case at the Social Security Administration. Required

documentation must include a letter of determination from the Social Security Administration or receipt of social security disability benefit statement.

**In order to apply, residents must call on July 12<sup>th</sup> between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. All appointments will be scheduled by phone only. Walk-in appointments will not be accepted. Residents should call the site(s) that serve their qualifying condition. Due to the anticipated number of people seeking this assistance and the limited number of appointments, not everyone seeking to apply will obtain an appointment.**

*Residents participating in the PIPP Program are not eligible for this program.*

The following documents will be required for all applicants:

- A photo ID for the applicant
- Social Security cards for all household members,
- A current ComEd bill with the correct address
- Documentation of all sources of income for all household members 18 and older for the past 30 thirty days.
- Documentation of age, disability or medical condition as described above.

A list of sites is attached.

Winnebago and Boone County Residents

Lifescape Services  
705 Kilburn Avenue  
Rockford, Illinois 61101  
**(815 )963-1609**

Senior and Disabled Only

Northwestern Area Agency on Aging  
1111 S. Alpine Rd. #600  
Rockford, IL 61108  
**779-221-3717**

Senior and Disabled Only

City of Rockford Human Services Department  
555 North Court Suite 301  
Rockford, IL  
**(815) 987-5711**  
TTY-

Medical Conditions and  
households with Children  
under Five Only

Boone County

Keen Age Center  
2141 Henry Luckow Lane  
Belvidere, IL 61008  
**815-544-9893 or 1-800-961-5336**  
**(also TTY)**

Senior Only

Villages of Roscoe, Rockton, Machesney Park, Durand, South  
Beloit, City of Loves Park and unincorporated northern  
Winnebago County

Rockton Township  
1315 N. Blackhawk Boulevard  
Rockton, IL 61072  
**(815) 624-7788**

All Eligible Residents

