



## PRESS RELEASE

### Low-Income Energy Assistance Application Period Opens December 3, 2018

**Wayne County, NC** – Households in Wayne County can soon apply for help covering the cost of heating their homes this winter. The Wayne County Department of Social Services will be accepting applications from households with a person aged 60 or older, or someone receiving benefits from the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services from Monday, Dec. 3, through Monday, Dec. 31, with the exception of Dec. 24th, 25th, and 26th when Wayne County Department of Social Services will be closed. All other households may apply from Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019 through Friday, March 29, 2019 or until funds are exhausted.

Wayne County households who want to apply for energy assistance can do so in person at the Cooper-Bussman Building, located at 210 Dixie Trail, Goldsboro NC. Hours for the Bussman building are **Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**

The federally funded Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides eligible households with a one-time payment to their heating vendor to offset the high cost of heating during the cold-weather months. Depending on the household's primary heating source, the payment will be \$200, \$300 or \$400.

To be eligible, a person must:

- Have at least one U.S. citizen or non-citizen who meets eligibility criteria
- Have income equal to or less than 130 percent of the federal poverty limit, such as:
  - For a household of one, an income of \$15,782 or less
  - For a family of four, an income of \$32,630 or less
- Have resources, such as saving and checking accounts, cash on hand, at or below \$2,250
- Be responsible for their heating cost

There will also be applications taken for the elderly population at satellite sites per the following schedule:

- Dec. 10, 11, 17, and 18 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Peggy M. Seegars Senior Center- 2001 East Ashe Street, Goldsboro
- Dec. 12 & 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Fremont Town Hall Meeting Room- 120 East Main Street, Fremont
- Dec. 13 & 20 from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Steele Memorial Library- 119 W Main Street, Mt. Olive

For more information on the LIEAP: <https://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/low-income-energy-assistance>

