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PRESS RELEASE

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LIHEAP Utility Assistance Available Beginning Tuesday, April 26

Lafourche Parish Government’s Office of Community Action is now scheduling appointments for LIHEAP Utility Assistance Program applicants. Appointments will begin on Tuesday, April 26. Funds are limited, and therefore, assistance will be provided by appointment ONLY.

To schedule an appointment, please contact the Office of Community Action at (985) 537-7603 or (985) 493-6609. Residents facing a crisis can walk in for assistance without an appointment. Only crisis applications are taken without an appointment. Any resident who has received LIHEAP assistance in the last six months (from November 2010 to present) is NOT eligible for assistance at this time.

Here are the income guidelines to determine eligibility (residents with higher income are not eligible):

Number in Household	Gross Monthly Income	Number in Household	Gross Monthly Income	Number in Household	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$1,708	4	\$3,285	7	\$4,435
2	\$2,234	5	\$3,811	8	\$4,533
3	\$2,759	6	\$4,336	9	\$4,632

Applications can only be processed accompanied by all required information as follows:

- Current proof of income (last four pay stubs, SSI, SSA, retirement, VA, etc., and/or current food stamp printout from the last 30 days)
- I.D. for applicant
- Social Security cards for everyone in household
- Copy of electric bill and gas bill (if applicable)
- One additional bill or communication verifying your residence.

Community Action Executive Director Freddia Ruffin-Roberson would like to remind residents that their main office is located at the Mathews Government Complex, and the office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

More information on the LIHEAP Utility Assistance Program can be found in the Community Action section of the Lafourche Parish Government website: <http://www.lafourchegov.org>.