

## PRESS RELEASE

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## LIHEAP FUNDS STILL AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH ENERGY COSTS

**Rockford, IL** –Residents of Winnebago and Boone Counties who need help with their energy bills are encouraged to apply for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program). LIHEAP will make a payment directly to your account with your energy companies if you qualify, or directly to renters if all energy costs are included in your rent.

Any residents who have already received LIHEAP assistance since October, 2017 would not be eligible to apply again this season. If you have now become disconnected since you applied, additional funds may be available to you.

LIHEAP continues through May, 2018 or until funds are exhausted.

Handouts with application procedures are available at the City of Rockford Human Services Department, 555 N. Court St., Suite 301 in Rockford, at the Boone County United Way, 220 W. Locust St. in Belvidere and also at <a href="https://www.rockfordil.gov/city-departments/human-services/community-services">www.rockfordil.gov/city-departments/human-services/community-services</a> or call 844-710-6919 for more information.

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