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LIHEAP FUNDING STILL AVAILABLE IN COOK COUNTY

CHICAGO, IL – CEDA President and CEO, Robert Wharton announced today that low-income Cook County residents who need help paying their heating bills can still receive LIHEAP grants.

“Illinois has received an unprecedented \$74 million in supplemental funding for low-income residents - primarily in energy assistance,” said Robert Wharton. “Those eligible for LIHEAP assistance can earn up to 150% of the federal poverty level which equals approximately \$2,420 a month for a family of four.”

The first step in the application process is to call 312/456-4100 and ask for the program requirements, types of assistance available, what documents are necessary and the closest intake center location. There are over 140 in-take sites in Cook County.

When applying for assistance, the applicants should bring the following:

- Proof of income for everyone in the household for the previous thirty (30) days to the date of the application. **Note:** If a member of the household receives TANF, you must bring the TANF card with you to apply.
- A copy of your current gas and electric bill.
- Proof of Social Security numbers for everyone in the household. **Social Security Cards or printouts from the Social Security Administration only.**
- If your utilities are included in your rent, bring proof of the contract, lease agreement from the landlord, or rent receipts.

CEDA LIHEAP recipients from this winter season will not have to reapply! Additional grant bill payment credits will be applied automatically to their energy bill *if* the LIHEAP customer is at the same address as the original approved application.

LIHEAP grants are awarded on a first come first served basis. Funds are limited.

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