



# ENERGY ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

The coronavirus pandemic is more than a health crisis. For many Tennesseans who have lost their jobs or have seen their hours reduced, it is a growing economic crisis as well.

After food, water and medicine, electric power is critical – especially during a time of crisis – for maintaining health, safety, comfort and connection. Tennessee’s electric co-ops are working to ensure that energy remains reliable and affordable for all.

Listed below are several resources that are available to help Tennesseans pay your energy bills.



## FAMILIES

**Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.** LIHEAP is a federally funded grant program that helps low-income households meet their immediate home energy needs. LIHEAP funds are distributed through the local community service agencies listed to the right.

**Local charitable and religious agencies.** Electric co-ops maintain relationships with local ministries and charities that can often assist families with emergency energy needs. Contact your local office to learn more.

**Emergency universal income payment.** Adult taxpayers earning \$75,000 or less will receive \$1,200 plus an additional \$500 for each dependent. These funds can be used for food, medicine, housing, utility bills or anything else needed by the family. The IRS began distributing these funds in April.



## SMALL BUSINESSES

**Small Business Administration (SBA) Resources.** The SBA is assisting small business with disaster relief efforts. Visit SBA’s COVID-19 webpage ([www.sba.gov/coronavirus](http://www.sba.gov/coronavirus)) for information on funding options, guidance for business and employers and more.

**USDA Rural Development Resources.** USDA Rural Development is taking action to help rural businesses and communities impacted by COVID-19. Visit USDA Rural Development’s COVID-19 webpage ([www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus](http://www.rd.usda.gov/coronavirus)) for resource guides, fact sheets and more information.

**IRS/Employee Retention Credit.** The Employee Retention Credit is a refundable tax credit against certain employment taxes. Visit the IRS Employee Retention Credit webpage ([www.irs.gov/coronavirus/employee-retention-credit](http://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/employee-retention-credit)) for more information on eligibility.

## TENNESSEE’S COMMUNITY SERVICE AGENCIES

Blount Co. Community Action Agency  
(865) 983-8411 | Blount Co.

Bradley-Cleveland CSA  
(423) 479-4111 | Bradley Co.

Chattanooga Youth and Family Development  
(423) 643-6434 | Hamilton Co.

Clarksville-Montgomery County CAC  
(931) 896-1800 | Montgomery Co.

Delta Human Resources Agency  
(901) 476-5226 | Serving: Fayette, Lauderdale and Tipton

Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority  
(423) 318-6933 | Serving: Cocke, Grainger, Hamblen, Jefferson, Monroe and Sevier

East Tennessee Human Resource Agency  
(865) 691-2551 | Serving: Anderson, Campbell, Claiborne, Morgan, Scott and Union

Highland Rim Economic Corporation  
(931) 289-4101 | Serving: Dickson, Houston, Humphreys and Stewart

Knoxville-Knox County CAC  
(865) 637-6700 | Knox Co.

Metropolitan Action Commission  
(615) 862-8860 | Davidson Co.

Mid-Cumberland CAC  
(615) 742-1113 | Serving: Cheatham, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Trousdale, Williamson and Wilson

Mid-East Community Action Agency  
(865) 354-0450 | Serving: Loudon and Roane

Northwest Tenn. Economic Dev. Council  
(731) 364-3228 | Serving: Benton, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Henry, Lake, Obion and Weakley

Shelby County CSA  
(901) 222-4270 | Shelby Co.

South Central Human Resource Agency  
(931) 433-7182 | Serving: Bedford, Coffee, Franklin, Giles, Hickman, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Perry and Wayne

Southeast Tenn. Human Resource Agency  
(423) 949-2191 | Serving: Bledsoe, Grundy, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Polk, Rhea and Sequatchie

Southwest Human Resource Agency  
(731) 989-5111 | Serving: Chester, Decatur, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Madison and McNairy

Upper Cumberland Human Resource Agency  
(931) 528-1127 | Serving: Cannon, Clay, Cumberland, DeKalb, Fentress, Jackson, Macon, Overton, Pickett, Putnam, Smith, Van Buren, Warren and White

Upper East Tennessee HDA  
(423) 246-6180 | Serving: Carter, Greene, Hancock, Hawkins, Johnson, Sullivan, Unicoi and Washington