



ENERGY PROGRAMS FACT SHEET 2024-2025

The Energy Assistance Program (EAP) is a heating-based program that can help low-income households with a portion of their energy bills.

Ways to Apply:

1. Mail pre-printed or blank applications
2. Email Applications to EAP@MNVAC.ORG
3. Fax application to 507-345-2414
4. Online printable application at: *****.mnvac.org/programs/energy/
5. Scan here or go to mn.gov/home to apply online.



Call 507-345-6822 or 1-800-767-7139 or visit our website @ ***.mnvac.org to find out how to receive an application.

Program Dates:

The Program Year starts **October 1, 2024** and ends **May 30, 2025**.

Households that received a grant last year will receive an application in the mail, in September. New households can request applications on October 1, 2024. The deadline to apply for EAP is **May 30, 2025**.

Eligibility:

Eligibility is based on household income using the following criteria:

- Proof of **Gross** Income for the previous complete month prior to the date the application was signed **or**
- Federal 1040 tax form for self-employed households

Eligibility Guidelines EAP 2024-2025

Persons in Household	Maximum 1 Month Gross Income
1	\$2,983
2	\$3,901
3	\$4,819
4	\$5,737
5	\$6,655
6	\$7,572
7	\$7,745
8	\$7,917
9	\$8,089

Payments:

Payments are made directly to heat and electric vendors on behalf of the household. The household may elect to send a percentage of their grant to their electric vendor. **The minimum payment is \$200 and the maximum \$1,400.**

Other MVAC Programs that assist after approved for EAP

EAP Crisis: Extra benefits for crisis situations such as disconnect notices and running out of heating fuel are available for households that have received Energy Assistance. We anticipate the funding arriving in mid-November and it is available through May 31, 2025, or as funds are available. **The maximum payment amount is \$600**

MVAC Energy Related Repair Program (ERR):

This program is available to EAP eligible homeowners who are experiencing a no heat emergency with their heating system, when Federal funds are available October 1, 2024, through May 31, 2025 or as funds are available. **All repairs must be authorized by MVAC prior to the heating contractors starting their work.**

MVAC Weatherization Program:

This program provides energy saving services to EAP eligible households. Some allowable activities are caulking, weather stripping, and attic insulation. There is no cost to the household. Weatherization assistance is available to both homeowners and renters in all nine counties served by MVAC.

During the heating season the Energy Assistance staff through Minnesota Valley Action Council is available at any time through a 24 hour on-call service. The after-hours/on-call number is 1-(800) 767-7139.

MVAC County Offices

Blue Earth County	507-345-6822
Brown County	507-508-4041
Faribault County	507-526-5291
LeSueur County	507-357-4246
Martin County	507-238-1663
Nicollet County	507-934-5224
Sibley County	507-237-2981
Waseca County	507-835-8240
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If you have any questions regarding this fact sheet, you may call Sheila Ous, Energy Assistance Coordinator, at 507-345-2407.

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"Community Action: Helping People. Changing Lives" To request an application:
(507) 345-6822 | (800) 767-7139
Applications available for download ***.mnvac.org