



# ENERGY PROGRAMS FACT SHEET 2025-2026

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](mailto:EAP@MNVAC.ORG)
3. Fax application to 507-345-2414
4. Online printable application at:  
<https://www.mnvac.org/programs/energy/>
5. apply online at: [mn.gov/home](https://mn.gov/home)

Call 507-345-6822 or 1-800-767-7139 or visit our website @ [www.mnvac.org](http://www.mnvac.org) to find out how to receive an application.

## Program Dates:

**The Program Year starts October 1, 2025, and ends May 31, 2026.**

Households that received a grant last year will receive an application, in the mail, in September. New households can request applications on October 1, 2025. The deadline to apply for EAP is **May 31, 2026.**

## 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**
- 12 months income (divided by 12) using the Federal 1040 tax form for self-employed households.

## **Eligibility Guidelines EAP 2025-2026**

<b>Persons in Household</b>	<b>Maximum 1 Month Gross Income</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$3,119</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$4,079</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$5,039</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$5,999</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$6,959</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$7,919</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$8,099</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$8,279</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>\$8,459</b>

## Payments:

Payments are made directly to heat and electric vendors on behalf of the household. The household may elect to send 30% of their grant to their electric vendor. **The minimum payment is \$200 and the maximum \$1,400.**

## Other MVAC Programs that assist with Energy Bills/Problems

**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 to arrive in mid-November, and it is available through May 31, 2026, 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 an emergency with their heating system, when Federal funds are available October 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, or as funds are available. **All repairs must be authorized by the Mankato EAP office 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, weatherstripping, 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 (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
Watonwan County	507-375-5748

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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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(507) 345-6822 | (800) 767-7139  
Applications available for download at  
[www.mnvac.org](http://www.mnvac.org)