



ENERGY PROGRAMS FACT SHEET 2026-2027

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. Online: www.mn.gov/home
2. By phone: Call 507-345-6822 to request an application by mail
3. In person: At any of our 9 office locations
4. Website: Visit www.mnvac.org to get a blank application

EMAIL applications to: eap@mnvac.org

FAX applications to: 507-345-2414

Program Dates:

The Program Year starts October 1, 2026, and ends May 31, 2027.

Households that received a grant last year will receive an application, in the mail, in September. New households can request applications on September 1, 2026. The deadline to apply for EAP is **May 31, 2027.**

Eligibility:

Eligibility is based on household income using the following criteria:

- Proof of **Gross** Income for the previous complete month prior to the signature month on the signed application **or**
- 12 months income (divided by 12) using the Federal 1040 tax form for self-employed households.

Eligibility Guidelines EAP 2026-2027

Persons in Household	Maximum 1 Month Gross Income
1	\$3,205
2	\$4,191
3	\$5,177
4	\$6,164
5	\$7,150
6	\$8,136
7	\$8,321
8	\$8,506
9	\$8,691

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 related MVAC Programs:

During the Cold Weather Rule months (Oct. 1st – Apr. 30th) Energy Assistance staff is available at any time through a 24-hour on-call service. The after-hours/on-call number is (800) 767-7139.

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, 2027, 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, 2026, through May 31, 2027, 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.

MVAC County Offices

Blue Earth County	507-345-6822
Brown County	507-508-4041
Faribault County	507-526-5291 - <i>Weds</i>
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
Watsonwan County	507-375-5748 - <i>Weds</i>

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If you have any questions regarding this fact sheet, contact Sheila Ous, Energy Assistance Coordinator.

If you are an MVAC Employee or if you are working with a Safe At Home participant, contact Kari Moline, A16 Advisor, for guidance on applying.

If you need an application in a language other than English, contact a staff member and one will be provided.

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-Warm regards from your EAP staff