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Application for Energy Share of MT

If you do not completely fill out all 3 pages of this application, we'll have to return it to you to get the missing information and we won't be able to process it until you complete it. Please read carefully:



Energy Share of Montana is a nonprofit organization whose main purpose is to help Montanans facing loss of heat or electricity in their home, who have no way to pay that bill themselves.

To apply for Energy Share, you'd need to be facing some sort of situation that, without intervention, would cause you to be without heat or electricity.

You MUST have one of these crisis situations:

- A past due or disconnect notice
- Less than 2 weeks' credit on a flex or pre-pay meter
- Need for a deposit to establish an electricity or natural gas account in your name
- Less than 15% propane or 5 inches of heating oil, or less than ¼ cord of wood or 5 bags of pellets.

Energy Share is not intended to be an annual subsidy.

Assistance is situationally, not income-based. Applications are reviewed by a local Committee on a case by case basis. Committee members and CAPNM work within contractual guidelines from Energy Share to determine assistance.

If applying for Energy Share from September - April, you MUST ALSO APPLY for LIHEAP. If you qualify for LIHEAP, there are other benefits such as getting on a list for weatherization of your home, and depending on who your energy provider is, possibly receiving discounts on your monthly energy bills. We want to make sure you receive as many benefits as possible. **You can submit both applications at the same time.**

Energy Share used to be known as an interest-free loan program. Repayment of assistance will still be accepted *if you are able to do so*, but repayments are not required. There is a limit of the amount of assistance you may receive within a 5-year timeframe.

Items that MUST be included with this application:

- ✓ Your most recent past due/disconnect notice, even if your service has already been terminated.
- ✓ If you're asking for help with a deposit to establish an electricity or natural gas account in your name, a statement from your vendor of what needs to be paid (deposit amount, past due balance).
- ✓ If you're asking for help with propane/oil, include the amount currently in your tank & size of tank & a "Letter of Service" from the propane/oil vendor.
- ✓ If you're asking for help with wood/pellets, include the amount you currently have left (cords or bags).
- ✓ Verification of all income received within the last 30 days for all household members 18 yrs. +.
- ✓ A recent, 30-day bank statement.
- ✓ All household members 18 yrs. + must sign page 3.
- ✓ **Complete every part of all 3 pages of this application.**

Submit application & documentation to:

- CAPNM, PO Box 88, Kalispell, MT 59903
- E-Mail: LIHEAP@capnwmmt.org
- Fax: 1-406-206-0199

Submitting this application won't prevent

disconnect. If you have a disconnect date set by your utility, it's your responsibility to contact the utility and try to extend that date. Notice of the Committee's decision will be mailed to you and your vendor.

If you have a medical need for your electric service to be on, contact your utility company to see if they're willing to work with you to keep your utility service active.

Energy Share Committee meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month. The application deadline is 5pm on the Tuesday before each meeting – no exceptions.

The decision of the Local Energy Share Committee is final and cannot be appealed.