



NC DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

JOSH STEIN • Governor

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July 31, 2026

Dear County Directors of Social Services

Attention: Energy Administrators, Managers & Supervisors

Subject: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant Plan

Priority: **Time Sensitive, Action & Response Required**

The LIHEAP Block Grant Plan is completed each fiscal year, which outlines how grantees will operate Energy programs. The Administration of Children and Families (ACF) requires that states seek public participation for the LIHEAP Plan each year.

The Division is requesting that each county post the link below to the NC Division of Social Services webpage on their county websites from August 3-7, 2026. This allows the public to view the 2026-27 LIHEAP Block Grant Plan and submit comments. A public hearing will be held August 7, 2026, from 9 am-10 am to discuss the plan live and to address any questions, comments, or concerns. For anyone who would like to attend, please use the webinar link below. All comments will be submitted to Jasmyne Simmons at Jasmyne.Simmons@dhhs.nc.gov no later than 5pm on August 7, 2026.

Please register for LIHEAP Block Grant FFY2026-27 on Aug 7, 2026, 9:00 AM EDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8023252253297935200>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Plan and Public Notice can be reviewed here and also are attached for convenience:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/divisions/social-services/public-notice>

Sincerely,

Allison W. Smith, Deputy Director
Division of Social Services, Economic and Family Services

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Attachments (2)

Block Grant & Public Notice

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