

Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc.

Summer Crisis Program

July 1, 2016 – August 31, 2016

The Community Action Council of Portage County, Inc. is sponsoring the **Summer Crisis Program (Summer HEAP)** from July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016. CAC will have limited funding available for seniors and other families who meet program requirements and families could be eligible for free window air conditioner, fans, and/or electric bill assistance. PIPP+ customers are NOT eligible for a payment on their electric bill, but MAY be eligible for an air conditioner or fans.

Assistance on an electric bill can be provided if:

- Customers must meet the income guidelines of up to **175%** of federal poverty level (3-month or 12-month);
- Have a household member who is 60 yrs of age or older or have a household member who has a current medical condition certified by a medical doctor stating that the person would benefit from continued electricity (forms are available at the Ravenna office);
- Electric bill must be in an adult household members' name.
- Electric bill is NOT enrolled on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP+) (Electric assistance only)

To qualify for an air conditioner or fan, the resident must

- MEET ALL OF THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, PLUS:
- Electric bill **MUST BE CURRENT** if you are enrolled on the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP+).
- If a rental, must provide verification from landlord that the air conditioner will not become part of the rental unit and will remain the property of the tenant (forms are available at the CAC office).
- Must not have received an air conditioner from HEAP within the past 3 program years (2013, 2014, 2015).

The income guidelines for the Summer Crisis Cooling program are as follows

| HOUSEHOLD SIZE | 3-MONTH INCOME 175% | ANNUAL INCOME 175% |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | \$5,149 | \$20,598 |
| 2 | \$6,969 | \$27,878 |
| 3 | \$8,789 | \$35,158 |
| 4 | \$10,609 | \$42,438 |
| 5 | \$12,429 | \$49,718 |
| 6 | \$14,249 | \$56,998 |
| 7 | \$16,069 | \$64,278 |
| 8 | \$17,889 | \$71,558 |
| Add'l Person + | \$1,820 | \$7,280 |

To apply for assistance, customers can schedule an appointment by contacting CAC @ 330-297-1456 ext 0. Walk-ins will be accepted on Tuesday & Thursday mornings starting at 8:00am, and the first 12 households will be seen. Information on the program and a regular HEAP application can be downloaded by accessing the agency's website at www.cacportage.net. For more information, please contact the Community Action Council of Portage County, PO Box 917, 1036 West Main Street, Ravenna, OH @ (330) 297-1456 FAX: (330) 297-1463.