



**Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Supplemental Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Authorized by the CARES Act
Brings \$1,053,152 Million to Service Area**

Unmet needs and assistance. Energy assistance is often one of the first and biggest needs families have when the economy takes a sudden downturn. The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps families pay gas and electric bills in all 9 counties in our service area---Aransas, Calhoun, DeWitt, Goliad, Gonzales, Jackson, Lavaca, Refugio, and Victoria Counties, Texas.

Community Action Committee (CAC) to manage funds. Community Action Committee will utilize the LIHEAP funds from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) to help eligible low-income residents pay utility bills. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act authorized the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) through LIHEAP to help low-income Texans affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

CAC is grateful to Congress and the Texas delegation for the supplemental funds and entrusting CAC with the local management of these critical dollars.

CAC will distribute limited funds directly to utility companies on behalf of eligible clients who apply for services to help pay for electricity and gas.

CAC will report all expenditures and provide clear outcomes to TDHCA.

Eligibility. To be eligible for this assistance, Texas households must earn no more than 150% of the Federal Poverty Level. (In 2020, \$39,300 per year for a family of four.)

Timing. TDHCA has made funds available to get dollars to communities as fast as possible.

How to connect residents for assistance. Call 361/578-2989, email cacvt@cacv.us, www.cacv.us or mail to PO Box 3607, 4007 Halsey, Victoria, Texas 77903.