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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally funded program that assists low-income households with home energy bills, energy crises, weatherization, and minor energy-related home repairs.

Benefits

- The benefit is determined based on the household's income eligibility, energy burden and energy need
- An applicant can receive between \$480 to \$1200 per year
- The program prioritizes households with vulnerable members, such as veterans, elderly or disabled members, and households with young children (6 and under).
- Once the regular LIHEAP benefit has been exhausted, an additional \$1000 is available for households who are facing a crisis situation.

How do the Arizona Tribes administer LIHEAP?

- The LIHEAP statute allows Indian tribes and tribal organizations that wish to assist low-income households in meeting the costs of home energy to apply for a LIHEAP block grant. As of FY 2014, nine Tribes have received LIHEAP funds allowing them to directly operate LIHEAP programs. The only tribe within Arizona that partners with DES to operate a LIHEAP program is the Tohono O'odham Nation.
- DES also partners with 11 Community Action Agencies (CAAs) across the state.

Which Arizona Tribes Administer LIHEAP?

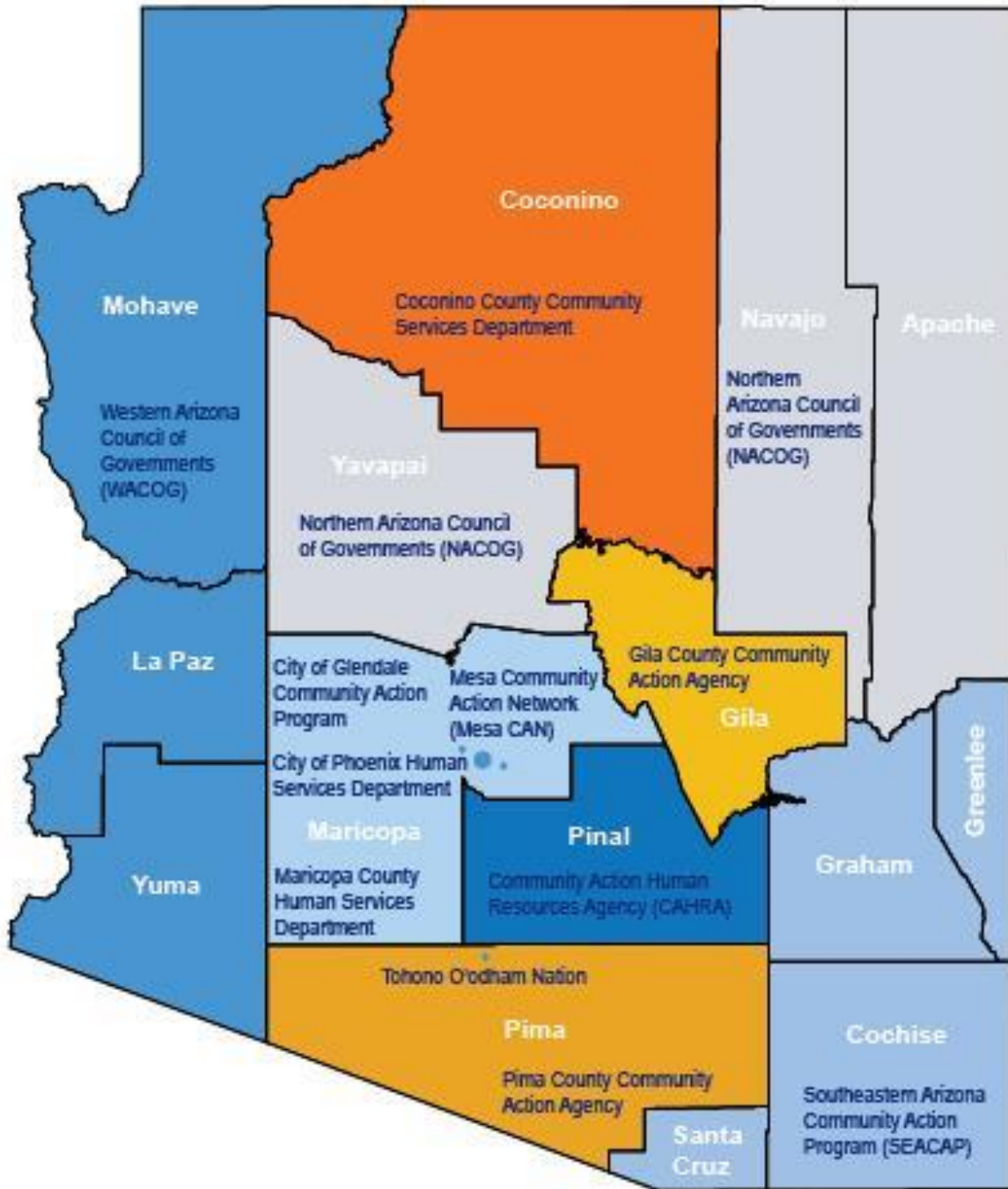
- Cocopah Tribe
- Colorado River Indian Tribes
- Gila River Indian Community
- The Navajo Nation
- Pascua Yaqui Tribe
- Quechan Indian Tribe
- Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Tribe
- San Carlos Apache Tribe
- White Mountain Apache Tribe

*The Tohono O'odham Nation partners with DES to operate LIHEAP.

How to Apply:

If a Tribal member lives on one of the nine Tribes mentioned previously, they can apply directly through their Tribe. If their Tribe no longer has funds, they can apply through their local CAA or the online portal beginning October 2022.

If a Tribal member does not live on Tribal land, they can still apply through their Tribe and if the Tribe no longer has funds, they can apply through their local CAA or the online portal beginning October 2022.



Arizona now has 11 CAAs and one limited purpose agency, each with a distinct service area. These CAAs cover all 15 counties in Arizona.

Expanding Access:

- Effective 10/1/22, Individuals may continue to apply for LIHEAP benefits through their Tribes, contracted CAA's and other designated local providers but will also have the additional option of applying via an online portal on the DES website.

What to Remember?

How to Apply: One of nine Tribes, Community Action Agency or the online portal

Which Tribes Administer LIHEAP: https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/map/liheap-map-tribal-contact-listing#AZ_5212

Who is My Local Community Action Agency: <https://des.az.gov/services/basic-needs/community-action-agencies>

Link to Apply Online: <https://era.azdes.gov/>