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BMAC Announces Opening of 2025 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Introduces New Screening Process

WALLA WALLA, WA, October 23, 2025 – Blue Mountain Action Council (BMAC) announces the opening of the 2025 Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in Walla Walla County and a new screening process. Effective, October 23, **individuals can call 509-529-2685** to find out if they are eligible to be considered for LIHEAP, and if they are, they will have the option to schedule an appointment. Appointments will begin on Monday, November 3, 2025.

LIHEAP provides assistance with energy bill payments for households making under 50% of the Federal Poverty Limit, with priority given to seniors, veterans, disabled adults, and households with children under the age of 5. To complete a LIHEAP application, individuals must provide their home energy bill and the following documentation for all adults (18+) in their household: Social security card, income verification for most recent month (pay stubs, award letters, bank statements, etc.), proof of physical street address (no PO boxes), and photo ID or driver's license.

BMAC will conduct in-person eligibility appointments at the 8 E. Cherry Street office on Mondays-Thursdays from 9:00am-3:00pm. During the interview, applicants will bring in the required documentation and have a final evaluation to determine eligibility, and the amount of assistance to be provided to the energy provider, if any.

Anyone in an emergency situation with an energy shut off notice should call the main BMAC number at 509-529-4980 for assistance. Residents of Columbia or Garfield Counties should contact BMAC's Dayton office at 509-382-7690 to learn more about assistance available in those areas.

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