



Sebewaing Light and Water Department

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Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) Customer Information & Assistance Resources

Nonbypassable surcharge - LIEAF:

The Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund (LIEAF) was created under Michigan law (Public Act 95 of 2013) and is designed to provide financial assistance to residents who struggle to pay their utility bills, especially during the cold winter months when heating costs rise. Sebewaing Light and Water is now required by law to provide a LIEAF program.

Low-Income Energy Assistance Fund and the Michigan Energy Assistance Act.

LIEAF is a fund created by 2013 PA 95. Under PA 95, the Public Service Commission sets a low-income energy assistance funding factor for electric utility companies.

"Low-income energy assistance funding factor" means a nonbypassable surcharge on each retail billing meter payable monthly by every customer receiving a retail distribution service from an electric utility, municipally owned electric utility, or cooperative electric utility, that does not opt out under subsection (9), regardless of the identity of the customer's electric generation supplier. The low-income energy assistance funding factor must not be charged on more than 1 residential meter per residential site. (See Section 10b in Act No. 95 Public Acts of 2013)

LIEAF Charge:

On Thursday, April 24, 2025, the Michigan Public Service Commission approved a **\$1.25 funding factor** for the Low-Income Assistance Fund (LIEAF) in Case No. U-17377.

Funding Allocation:

Utilities collect the monthly surcharge from **all electric customers** which is then pooled into the LIEAF. This funding supports programs such as the Michigan Energy Assistance Program (MEAP), which offers bill payment support, energy efficiency services, and crisis assistance to qualifying households. According to the State, charging the LIEAF ensures a more stable and coordinated approach to preventing energy shutoffs for vulnerable residents. Instead of relying solely on emergency interventions or charitable donations, the fund provides a predictable and sustainable stream of support.



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State of Michigan LIEAF Contractors:

Local Energy-Assistance / Utility Support Resources in Huron County.

The following information is from Tri-City and Thumb Area Energy Assistance Directory at
<https://www.heatingmyhome.org/assistance-in-tri-city/>

United Way 2-1-1

www.211.org

Phone: 1-800-887-1107

United Way of South Central Michigan

Helping all counties

<https://unitedwayofsouthcentralmichigan.my.site.com/apply/s/>

Phone: (517) 741-0202

United Way of Southeast Michigan

Helping all counties

unitedwaysem.org

Phone: (844) 211-4994

Email: carecoordination@liveunitedsem.org

Human Development Commission

hdc-caro.org/huron-county-services-1

856 N Van Dyke Rd,

Bad Axe, MI 48413

Phone: (989) 269-9502

MDHHS

1911 Sand Beach Rd.

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Phone: 989-269-9201



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emPower (TrueNorth Heat and Energy Assistance Program)

tnempower.org

6308 S. Warner Avenue
PO Box 149
Fremont, MI 49412
Phone: (231) 355-5880

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

svdpdetroit.org

3000 Gratiot Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48207
Phone: 313-393-2930
Email: info@svdpdetroit.org

The Salvation Army

centralusa.salvationarmy.org

Service Extension
211 West Kearsley Street
Flint, MI 48502
Phone (810) 232-2197

The Heat and Warmth Fund

www.thawfund.org

535 Griswold St, Suite 200
Detroit, MI 48226
Phone: (800) 866-8429

County Veterans Counselor & Michigan Veterans Trust Fund Agent

250 E. Huron Avenue, Room 101-E
Bad Axe, MI 48413
Phone: (989) 269-8911

Department of Human Services

1911 Sand Beach Road
Bad Axe, MI 48413
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MPSC Income Guidelines:



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Income Comparisons

Household Size	100% FPL	110% FPL (Home heating Credit)	150% FPL (LIHEAP and current MEAP)	60% SMI (Max eligibility for LIHEAP & proposed MEAP)	250% FPL (Utility LI-EWR Programs)
1	\$15,060	\$16,566	\$22,590	\$32,167	\$37,650
2	\$20,440	\$22,484	\$30,660	\$42,065	\$51,100
3	\$25,820	\$28,402	\$38,730	\$51,963	\$64,550
4	\$31,200	\$34,320	\$46,800	\$61,861	\$78,000
5	\$36,580	\$40,238	\$54,870	\$71,758	\$91,450
6	\$41,960	\$46,156	\$62,940	\$81,656	\$104,900
7	\$47,340	\$52,074	\$71,010	\$91,554	\$118,350
8	\$52,720	\$57,992	\$79,080	\$101,452	\$131,800