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Why Cutting LIHEAP Is a Deadly Blow to Eastern Kentucky

By any measure, the economy of Eastern Kentucky and the wider Appalachian region is struggling. The collapse of the coal industry, the opioid crisis, and the recurring natural disasters have left scars that are slow to heal. Families and individual households trying to make ends meet rely on an array of federal assistance. Recently, there have been cuts or threats to these assistance programs, including a proposed total elimination of a vital energy assistance program that supports 6 million low-income households each year across the country.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is zeroed out in the proposed federal budget for the fiscal year that begins in September 2025. LIHEAP provides life-saving aid to millions of Americans by helping them afford their heating and cooling bills. For many, it is the difference between choosing food or heat, medicine or air conditioning. In 2024 alone, the program was utilized more than 219,000 times by Kentucky households. These are small disbursements - a max of \$250 per season - that function as safety nets for working families, elderly residents, and people with disabilities who are trying to survive on limited incomes in one of the most energy-burdened regions in the country.

Despite this need, the Trump administration's 2026 budget proposes defunding LIHEAP entirely. Their reasoning is that lower energy prices are on the horizon thanks to a move toward American energy dominance and the America First platform. But here in Kentucky, the future hasn't arrived yet. Energy bills are still going up, not down.

In some Eastern Kentucky counties, low-income families pay up to 14.5% of their income on utility bills—more than double the 6% threshold that experts define as a “high” energy burden. Rural residents, especially those living in older, less energy-efficient homes, feel this pain the most. Rural areas often pay disproportionately

high electricity costs due to utilities charging higher rates, in part due to infrastructure costs utilities incur covering more miles of transmission lines, etc., and in part due to utilities being owned by investors who are guaranteed a certain rate of return on their investment.

And while some cities have access to local programs that might soften the blow of high bills, rural communities often don't. That's where LIHEAP comes in. It funds weatherization improvements that make homes more efficient — reducing future energy costs and minimizing the need for repeated emergency assistance. In fiscal year 2023, the program weatherized more than 60,000 homes nationwide and helped prevent countless power disconnections.

The federal government allocated approximately \$54 million in LIHEAP funds to Kentucky in fiscal year 2025.

To access these funds, individuals must meet certain requirements and provide documentation showing their need for assistance. These requirements are designed to support Kentucky's most vulnerable residents and some examples include households where someone has a health condition or disability (verified by a doctor's note), someone is 65 or older, or a child under the age of 6 is present. This money is especially important during the extreme summer and winter temperatures Kentucky experiences. Kentucky is one of just 10 states where utility shutoffs due to nonpayment are allowed even during dangerous weather events. Sometimes families are cut off because they owe as little as \$6.

Cutting LIHEAP cannot just be a budget decision — this is an issue that needs to consider the survival of our most vulnerable neighbors. Because it's so

critical, the program is housed under the Department of Health and Human Services and has received bipartisan support for nearly 45 years.

The Trump administration recently acknowledged that Appalachia is at a disadvantage due to loss of coal jobs and the opioid crisis, and because of that, they were leaving funding for another program in the budget that benefits this area. We argue that many low-income communities across the country face similar systemic challenges that have them needing a little extra help to stay and revitalize these areas of the United States.

If you have an experience to share about how LIHEAP has impacted you or your community in a time of need, now is the time to share your story.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License

"ABC Company, Inc d/b/a CC and Beyond, Inc hereby declares its intention(s) to apply for a NQ2 Retail Drink License no later than July 1, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 301 Mountain Parkway Spur Road, Campton, Kentucky, 41301. The owners and President are Daniel and Amy Draper, 991 Lakeside Drive, Jackson, Kentucky, 41339. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication."

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NOTICE

NQ Retail Malt Beverage Package License, NQ Retail Malt Beverage License and Sampling License

Dunn Enterprises LLC, d/b/a Red River Liquors declares intentions to apply for a Quota Retail Package license, NQ Retail Malt Beverage license and Sampling license no later than May 23rd, 2025. The license premises will be located at 586 SR Old 191 Hazel Green, KY 41332. The owner and manager, Samuel W. Dunn Jr at 602 SR Old 191 Hazel Green, KY 41332. Any person, association, corporation or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero St 2NE33, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, within thirty (30) days of the date of legal publication.

Nineteen killed in May 16 tornadoes

Gov. Andy Beshear confirmed that 19 Kentuckians have died as a result of a May 16 tornado outbreak that devastated the cities of Somerset and London.

The same severe weather system also killed seven people in Missouri and two people in Virginia.

Seventeen of the deaths in Kentucky were in London, where Laurel County firefighter Leslie Leatherman died while responding to the tornado.

Pulaski County (Somerset) and Russell County each recorded one storm-related fatality.

Gov. Beshear further stated that 10 additional people are in critical condition as a result of the tornado, which was rated as an EF-4 in London and Somerset.

Additionally, a tornado that hit Morganfield in western Kentucky was rated as EF-3, while the twister in Russell County was rated a EF-2.

Severe weather returned to Kentucky on Tuesday afternoon with schools in Wolfe and surrounding counties dismissing early ahead of the system's passage. Media outlets reported no significant damage, however.



Students Of The Month

Red River Valley Elementary has announced its Students of the Month. They are Kendal Noble, left, and Christian Kidd, right. Kendal is six years old and is a kindergarten student. Her favorite subject is reading. Christian is a 10-year-old sixth grader and his favorite subject is also reading.

Wolfe County

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Wolfe County Board of Education is accepting bids for the following items for the 2025-2026 school year:

DIESEL FUEL WITH ANTI-GEL ADDITIVES

UNLEADED FUEL 89 OCTANE

Contact Ms. Trish Arnett at 606-668-8016 or John Halsey at 606-668-8401.

Bids will be opened June 2 2025, at 10:00 AM at Central Office and will be awarded Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Central Office Board Room during the regular scheduled board meeting.

W-5-23-2T

Request for Applications for the Position of Maintenance Worker

The City of Campton is currently accepting applications for the position of Maintenance Worker. The duties of the position include general maintenance activities related to the sewer lines, water lines, upkeep of city streets, the Campton city park, roads, alleys, sidewalks, storm sewers, manholes, culverts, drainage ditches, street signs and other city areas and property. The employee will work under the general supervision of the Maintenance Department Supervisor; the Campton City Commission and the Mayor.

All applicants need to have a valid drivers license in order to be considered. Applicants need to possess a high school degree or equivalency. Previous work in a similar position is preferred but not required. A detailed job description of the position may be obtained from the Campton City Office upon request. The rate of pay shall be based upon the City of Campton's pay scale, as well as the applicant's work history and training which the applicant may have. The rate of pay is negotiable based on the experience and qualifications of the applicant.

Any full time employee of the City of Campton is eligible for retirement and health insurance benefits through the City following the completion of an initial introductory period of employment. Applications should be picked up at the Campton City Office during regular business hours. All applicants need to fill out and submit an application to the City of Campton in order to be considered for employment. All applications, in order to be considered, must be completed and returned to the City of Campton by Thursday, May 29th at 3:00 PM. Anyone having questions regarding the position may contact the City of Campton at 606-668-3574. The City of Campton is an equal opportunity employer.