

## **Great News!**

# 1. OVO is the new Energy Assistance Program service provider in Clark and Floyd Counties in Indiana.

(These counties were previously served by Community Action of Southern Indiana. You will no longer go to them for Energy Assistance. Please call our office with questions 812-913-6740)

This gives us a total of 5 counties we serve that now include: Clark, Floyd, Jefferson, Jennings, and Scott counties.

We look forward to providing all 5 counties with the highest standard of customer service this upcoming season.

Ways in which we hope to facilitate this are:

- a. We included a Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope with your paper application to make it easier to return your documents this year.
- b. We have provided staff with work cell phones. In the event you need to text a missing document to us please ask for that number.
- c. We have drop boxes located across all 5 counties for easy access.
- d. You can return your application and supporting documents to ANY OVO location.
- e. You can also choose to apply online by visiting our website at <a href="www.ovoinc.org">www.ovoinc.org</a>. Click on the Energy Assistance link and then follow the prompts.

Please see the next page for instructions on what to include with your application and ways in which to return them to us.

- Please note that additional drop box locations will be added in Clark and Floyd county as the season progresses.
- Clark and Floyd County residents will need to send in ALL new supporting documents such as Photo ID and SS Card this season. We do NOT have access to your old information.

# 2. Everyone can apply for water assistance this year. You do NOT need to be behind on your water and/or wastewater bill.

\*\*some water/wastewater providers have chosen not to participate\*\*



#### **Privacy Notice and Your Rights and Responsibilities**

**Privacy Act Provisions:** Federal laws require us to tell you about your rights and responsibilities before we collect and use information about you that is classified as private or confidential. This form provides you with important information that complies with the federal Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a(e)(3).

Please read this *Privacy Notice* carefully before completing and signing the *Indiana Energy Assistance Program application*, and keep this *Privacy Notice* in your records for future use. This *Privacy Notice* applies to the Energy Assistance Program (EAP) and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).

#### Why do we collect the information on the application?

We will use your information to research, evaluate and administer the EAP and WAP programs. We need the information:

- To know you from other individuals.
- To see if you qualify for assistance.
- To allow us to get federal or state funds for the assistance you receive.
- To meet federal or state reporting requirements.

#### Do you have to give us the information?

You have the right to not give us the information we ask for.

#### What happens if you give or do not give us the information?

If you give us the information requested on the application, your application will be processed. If you do not give us that information:

- Your application will not be processed.
- You might not receive services.
- You might not receive help with energy bills.
- Your services might be delayed.

We will keep whatever information you give us, whether or not your application is approved.

#### Who may see this information?

The following persons may receive information contained in your application if: (i) they need access to the application information to do their jobs in connection with the EAP and WAP, or (ii) they are otherwise authorized by federal or state law to receive it, or (iii) they use the information for reports, to measure outcomes, and for referrals and eligibility purposes:

- Local Energy Programs Service Providers under contract with IHCDA.
- Program auditors as required or permitted by Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars.
- United States Departments of Health and Human Services and Energy.
- Persons so authorized pursuant to court order or subpoena.
- Your energy companies for affordability and Energy Programs.
- United States Social Security Administration.
- Lifeline/Telephone Assistance Plan for verifying program eligibility.
- Other agencies or entities as allowed by federal or state law.

#### Why do we collect Social Security Numbers?

We use Social Security Numbers in the administration of the EAP and WAP to assure eligible applicants and their household members receive only allowable benefits. Federal law allows us to require you to disclose your Social Security Number in order to process your application and to prevent, detect and correct fraud and abuse. AUTHORITY: Section 205(c)(2)(C)(i) of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 405(c)(2)(C)(i).

#### Why do we ask for information about your race?

This is voluntary information. It is compiled and recorded for statistical purposes only. The program does not discriminate for reasons of race or ethnic background, religion, gender, sexual orientation or political affiliation.

## THINGS TO RETURN WITH YOUR APPLICATION!!

- 1. **Completed 2-Page Application**: Read instructions carefully, and complete all forms that apply to your household!
- 2. Photo I.D. for all adults over age 18
- 3. Social Security card for each individual living in the household
- 4.Most recent **Electric Bill** \*If the bill is not in a household member's name, please write who it is and why itis not in a household members name on the bill.
- 5.Most recent **Gas Bill** or recent **LP Account Statement** \*If the bill is not in a household member's name, please write who it is and why it is not in a household members name on the bill.
- 6.Most recent **Water/Wastewater bill** \*If the bill is not in a household member's name, please write who it is and why it is not in a household members name on the bill.

#### 7.Landlord Affidavit:

- a. Renter with either utility included in rent: Landlord Affidavit must be completed by your landlord or provide a current, active lease. \*\*No other documents needed for all other renters or homeowners\*\*
- 8.If you pay child support, provide proof of payments for the last 3 months
- 9.**Proof of income** including (but not limited to):
  - Wages: most recent paystub showing YTD earnings and how long you have been employed there for all jobs in the last 3 months
  - •Social Security: recent award letter **or** bank statement showing the deposit amount (only 1month needed)
  - •SSI: recent award letter or bank statement showing the deposit amount (only 1 month needed)
  - Self-employment: most recent taxes (1040 and schedule C, SE, E, or F)
  - •Cash from odd jobs: self-declare on "Income Verification Affidavit" Section 1 for each adult with income not documented on a paystub in the last 3 months (you may need to make copies of this form)

Zero Income: complete the "Income Verification Affidavit" Sections 2 & 3 for each adult with no income in any of the last 3 months (you may need to make copies of this form)

This is a basic list and applies to *most* households. However, there may be additional forms needed on a case by case basis. The more you can provide with your initial application will help us process your application faster.

## You can return your application by:

**Fax** to (812) 273-2604

Mail to OVO EAP, P.O. Box 625, Madison, IN 47250

Email ovoeap@ovoinc.org

**Dropping off** at 421 Walnut Street, Madison 500 Hayden Pike, North Vernon 714 Morning Glory Drive, Scottsburg There are outside mailboxes at each of these locations.

## **Indiana Energy Assistance and Water Assistance Program Application**

**Program Year 2023** 

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	Ohio	Valley Opportunities								
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Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority			Н	ousehold h	eat source is inop	erable:		☐ Yes	□ No	
What kind of assistance are you ap	plying for?	Utility Assistan	ce (electri	city and hea	ting)	Water Assistanc	е	☐ Both	lacksquare	
☐ Check here if your electric or hea	ating utility is d	isconnected or scheduled fo	or disconn	ection, or yo	ou are low or out o	of bulk heating f	iuel or p	repaid el	ectricity.	
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		Part II: Home and	Utility In	formation						
Home Type (Please check one)				Utilities an	d Payment					
$\square$ Site-built single house $\square$	Multi-unit (ap	artment, condo, duplex, etc	.)	Electricity \	Vendor:		□ I	ncluded i	n rent	
☐ Mobile home ☐	Other:			Heating Ve	ndor:			ncluded i	in rent	
Home Ownership (Please check on	e)			Water Ven	dor:			ncluded i	in rent	
☐ Own ☐ Rent ☐ Other:				Wastewate	er Vendor:			ncluded i	in rent	
Primary Heating Source (please che	eck one)	Primary Heating Fuel (ple				e a secondary h				
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☐ Wood Stove ☐ Other:				☐ Keros	CITC					
Is it working? ☐ Yes ☐ N		Other:				ase describe: _				
The Weatherization program provi	٠.			•			Yes	☐ No		
Hoosiers across the state. Would y	our Housenoi	a be interested in a referr			tion program?					
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Pension/Retirement VA Dis	•		•			mony/Spousal S Other:				
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Please indi	cate <u>all</u> source	es of assistance received b	y any mer	nber of the	household. Chec	k all that apply	/-			
$\square$ Housing Choice Voucher (Section	8) Dub	olic Housing 🔲 Permaner	nt Supporti	ve Housing	☐ VASH	SNAP (Foo	d Stam <sub>l</sub>	ps)	TANF	
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Has anybody in the household paid	d child support	in the past three			usehold <u>betweer</u>	the ages of 14	<u>-24</u> and	d <u>neither</u>	working	
months?	1 11 6 6			ding school						
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Application is not valid without signature and date.

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Part IV: Household Members and Demographics  ist all people residing in household, including yourself. Check here and attach additional sheet if more than four people are in household:												
List <u>all</u> people residing in household, <u>ii</u>	cluding yourself.	Check	Date of	attach add	itional	sheet if mo	re thar	Ethnicity	Employ- ment	Edu- cation	Health Insurance	Military Status
Last Name and Suffix	First Name	M.I.	Birth	Gend	er	Disabled?		Pleas	e use cod	des liste	d below	
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3				☐ Male ☐ Female		☐ Yes						
				☐ Other/e		□No						
4				☐ Male ☐ Female		☐ Yes						
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i - American indiana or Alaska Native;	Spar	iish origins	US - Unemployed six months or less;				
P - Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander;	<b>N</b> - N	Not Hispanic, Latino, or	<b>UL</b> - Unemployed longer than six months; <b>NL</b> - Not in labor force;				
<b>W</b> - White; <b>M</b> - Multi-race; <b>O</b> - Other Spar		panish origins <b>M</b> - Migrant Seasonal farm worker					
Education codes:		Health Insurance Code	Military Codes:				
A - Grades 0-8; B - Grades 9-12, Non-graduate;	A - Medicaid; B - Medic						
<b>C</b> - High School Graduate/Equivalency Diploma;	C - State Children's Hea	A - Active-duty military					
<b>D</b> - Some post-secondary school; <b>E</b> - 2- or 4-year college		<b>D</b> - State Health Insurar	<b>V</b> - Veteran				
degree; <b>F</b> - Other post-secondary graduate	<b>F</b> - Direct-Purchase; <b>G</b> -	N - No affiliation					
Is anybody in the household affiliated with this	Hou	sehold Type (please che	ck one)				
agency as an employee/staff member, hoard							

degree; F - Other post-secondary graduate

Is anybody in the household affiliated with this agency as an employee/staff member, board member, or subcrontractor, or related to any such member?

No
Yes (please list):

F - Direct-Purchase; G - Employment-Based; N - None	N - No affiliation		
N - No affiliation	N - No affiliation		
N - No affiliation	N - No affiliation		
N - No affiliation	N - No affiliation		
Single Person	Two Adults, No Children	Single Parent, Female	Single Parent, Male
Two-Parent Household	Non-related adults with children		
Multi-Generational Household (three or more generations)	Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_		

Part V: Certification

Disclaimer: I certify under the penalties for perjury and fraud that the information provided in this application is correct and true. I understand that I may be required to verify these statements and hereby give my consent to the agency from which I am requesting assistance to make contact with any necessary persons to verify these statements. I am a resident of Indiana and an applicant for the Energy Assistance, Water Assistance, and/or Weatherization Assistance Program(s). I acknowledge any services or materials provided to my household will be a gift without consideration or payment by me. I give permission to the State of Indiana and the agency from which I am requesting assistance to obtain information from my energy supplier, including about my energy usage and payment history. I understand that the State of Indiana may use information provided on this form for purposes of research, evaluation and analysis. I also understand that the State of Indiana may use information provided on this form to see if I qualify for any other assistance programs. I hereby release the State of Indiana, the Local Service Provider or other entity from any liability whatsoever resulting from delivery of these activities. I have received no expressed or implied warranties concerning my receipt of these services. I also acknowledge that if I misrepresent or fail to disclose any information requested in this application, I may become ineligible from receiving Energy Assistance, Water Assistance, and/or Weatherization Assistance and may be required to repay any assistance and/or benefits that I have received based on any such misrepresentation or omission.

Energy Assistance Program and Low Income Home Water Assistance Program benefits are provided without regard to race, age, color, religion, sex, disability, national origin, ancestry, or status as a veteran.

Signature of person completing this form (required)	Date (required)



## **Mandatory Referral Form**

## You MUST sign and return with your application!

To be referred for Weatherization or Head Start below:
Energy Education Video  OVO provides Energy Education to participants to teach them ways in which to increase energy efficiency within their homes and decrease their energy costs. You can view the video on YouTube on the following link: <a href="https://youtu.be/pkplI-GMYyY">https://youtu.be/pkplI-GMYyY</a>
☐ Weatherization Assistance Program  Reduce energy cost & to improve health & safety regardless of whether you rent or own. An initial energy audit is conducted. Work is done by skilled contractors that can add insulation, replace or clean & tune heating systems, air seal & more. A final inspection of all work is performed.  (Apartment complexes are excluded)
☐ Head Start  Comprehensive early childhood education, health, nutrition, and parental involvement services for children ages 3-5 from income eligible families.
The <u>Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8)</u> waiting list is currently closed. We encourage you to watch our website and like our Facebook for updates. You can also visit <a href="https://www.in.gov/ihcda/homeowners-and-renters/section-8-housing-choice-vouchers-hcv/housing-choice-vouchers/">https://www.in.gov/ihcda/homeowners-and-renters/section-8-housing-choice-vouchers-hcv/housing-choice-vouchers/</a> to view all open waiting list in the state of Indiana.
For other referral information available in your area dial 2-1-1 from any phone or text 898-211
By Signing this form, you are giving OVO permission to provide your contact information to the selected programs.

Date:

\*\*\*This form needs completed for every 18+ member(s) who have no income for any of the past 3 months.\*\*\*

### **Energy Assistance Program Income Verification Affidavit**

This form is to be completed by anyone claiming zero income or undocumented income for any month

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### \*\*\*Only complete this form if one or both utilities are included in RENT.\*\*\*

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EAP) LANDLORDAFFIDAVIT

**Landlord:** Please complete this affidavit on behalf of your resident who is applying to receive benefits to assist with his/her utility costs. The information provided is confidential and will not be shared with any other organization or government agency. **Complete in blue or black ink only.** 

#### SECTION I: APPLICANT INFORMATION (may be completed by applicant, intake, or landlord)

Applicant Name:		Date:				
Address (including aparrtment/lot n	umber):			Phone:		
City:	State: <b>IN</b> Zip Code	<b>:</b> :				
	<u>.</u>					
SECTION II: DWELLING AND	UTILITY INFORMATION	– to be comple	eted by	the landlord, property owner		
leasing ag	gent, or authorized desi	ignee <u>only</u> . All	fields a	rerequired.		
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All cont	ت tact information is requ	Yes □ No uired unless otl	herwise	e noted.		
I grant IHCDA permission to obtain utility inf the purpose of data consumption tracking.	<sup>f</sup> ormation on account status, er	nergy cost and consu	umptions	data on this property for		
Landlord or authorized designee name:	Landlord or authorized designee signature:					
Address:		Date:				
City:		Phone:				
State: Zip Code:		Email (optional):				

\*\*\*If you would like direct deposit complete the back of this page.

\*\*\*This form is only needed for wood, wood pellets or if utilities are included in rent\*\*\*



Application	Key:	

## **Energy Assistance Program Direct Benefit Payment Election Form**

Head of Household	
Please choose a fulfillment option below for your direct Energy Assistance Program (EAP) benefi payment. <b>Please check one.</b>	t
☐ I would like to waive my direct EAP benefit payment to be applied directly to electricity/heating (circle one) utility, which I pay separately. I understand that the full benefit paid to my vendor within sixty (60) days and I will not receive a direct payment.	,
□ I would like to receive my direct EAP benefit payment as an Electronic Funds Transfer (direct deposit). I understand that this may take up to 120 days to receive, and is subject to furthed delays if I have provided inaccurate banking information. I have provided my banking informat below.	
☐ Checking Account ☐ Savings Account Account holder name:	
Financial Institution:	
Financial Institution Routing Number:	
(must be nine digits)	
Checking/Savings Account Number:	
These numbers are located on the bottom of your check as follows:    1 23456789   1 234567890123   1 Account Number   Account Number	
□ I would like to receive my direct EAP benefit payment as a check mailed to my primary resident mailing address. I understand that this may take up to 150 days to receive, and is subject further delays if I have provided an incorrect address, if I move, or due to USPS operations. If do not return this form with your application, your benefit will be issued as a check.	to
I hereby certify that the information provided above is correct and true. I understand that I may be quired to verify these statements and hereby give my consent to the agency from which I am requassistance to make contact with any necessary persons to verify these statements. I understand falsifying this information may result in disqualifying my household for Energy Assistance Program benefits or require my household to reimburse the agency for any benefits paid on behalf of this household based on any misrepresentation or omission.	uesting that
If I have elected to receive benefit payment by electronic funds transfer, I hereby authorize Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority ("IHCDA") to initiate entries to the above identified checking/savings accounts at the financial institution listed above, and, if necessary, iniadjustments for any transactions credited/debited in error. This authority will remain in effect until IHCDA is notified by an authorized individual in writing to cancel it in such time as to afford IHCD, the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it. In addition, I certify that I have full authority to execute this authorization and grant the rights to IHCDA contained herein.	e tiate
Applicant Signature Date	