

# GUNNISON/HINSDALE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## LEAP

### What is LEAP?

LEAP is a federally funded program designed to assist low-income households with some of their winter home heating costs. This program has funds that are available for eligible households during the months of November through April of every year.

LEAP is not intended to pay the entire cost of your winter home heating, only a portion. If eligible, you should continue to pay your heating bill until the application process is complete and benefits are issued. Our process takes time so you must keep your heating bill current by making payments on your account.

**For more information about LEAP, call the Department of Health and Human Services at: 970-641-3244**

*Our goal is to keep our residents safe and warm!*

### Eligibility Requirements:

#### You may qualify for LEAP if:

- You pay home heating costs to an energy provider, fuel dealer, or as part of your rent.
- You are a permanent legal resident of the U.S. and Colorado or you have household members that are U.S. citizens.
- You provide proof of lawful presence in the U.S.
- Your maximum household income falls within the income guidelines table below:  
"Household" means people who live with you and for whom you are financially responsible.

Income Maximums	
Household Size	Maximum gross monthly household income
1	\$1,361
2	\$1,839
3	\$2,316
4	\$2,794
5	\$3,271
6	\$3,749
7	\$4,226
8	\$4,704
Each additional person	\$478

## **What Assistance Does Leap Provide?**

- The LEAP program could help you with some of the following types of assistance:
- Crisis Intervention program (CIP) which is emergency help such as repair or replacement of your primary heating system.
- Weatherization is assistance for you to receive free furnace and weatherization services for your home through Energy Savings Partners Program (ESPP). For more information call 1-866-HEAT HELP (1-866-432-8435).
- The Colorado Property Tax/Rent/Heat Rebate Program through the Colorado Department of Revenue. For more information call (303) 238-3738 or (303) 238-3278.

## **Your participation in other government programs will not be affected if you apply for LEAP.**

No other government program will cut or limit your participation in the program. This includes Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Colorado Works/TANF, Food Stamps, Old Age Pension (OAP), and Aid to the Need Disabled (AND)/Aid to the Blind (AB).

All you need to turn in with your completed application is:

- A readable copy of your valid Colorado photo ID
- Attach copies of any income sources for all people in your household (not bank statements)
- Copy of most recent heating bill (not lighting) that shows the company's name, address, and account numbers or a copy of your most recent rent receipt if your heat is included in the rent (the receipt must clearly show that the heat is included in the rent.)

## **How do you apply for LEAP?**

LEAP accepts applications from November 1 through April 30 of each year. Applications may be faxed, mailed or dropped off at the appropriate county office at the number or address available on the Web site.

## **APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND:**

- By calling 1-866-HEAT HELP (1-866-432-8435) to order a mailed application.
- By downloading from the program's Web site at <http://www.colorado.gov/cs/Satellite/CDHS-SelfSuff/CBON/1251580884665>
- At every county department of social/human services office. Your local office:

**Gunnison/Hinsdale Department of Health and Human Services at  
225 N. Pine St. Ste. A, Gunnison, CO 81230**

**(970) 641-3244**

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