Nebraska Energy Office

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Nebraska Energy Office Offers Flood Assistance

Dollar and Energy Saving Loans and Weatherization Assistance Program Emergency Funds Available to Nebraskans Affected by Flooding

(LINCOLN, NE) — In light of historic flooding and devastation in Nebraska's communities, the Nebraska Energy Office is providing assistance to those impacted by floods.

Two separate Energy Office programs will provide funding – the **Dollar and Energy Saving Loans Program** and the **Low Income Home Weatherization Assistance Program**.

Dollar and Energy Saving Loans

The Nebraska Energy Office, in conjunction with Nebraska lending institutions, is offering Dollar and Energy Saving Loans at 1% interest* for eligible energy savings projects. These loans are meant to assist those impacted by flooding to repair their homes, provided the home has not been condemned. ***Subject to lender approval**.

Project loan applications are submitted to the resident's local Nebraska lender and the Nebraska Energy Office prior to installation for verification of compliance with program requirements.

The following energy efficiency projects are eligible to be submitted for emergency loans:

- Appliance replacement with efficient models
- Heating, cooling, and water heater equipment replacement
- Doors, windows and insulation replacement
- Foundation walls repaired or replaced and insulated

Every effort will be made to process emergency loan applications within 48 hours.

Weatherization Assistance Emergency HVAC Repair/Replacement Program

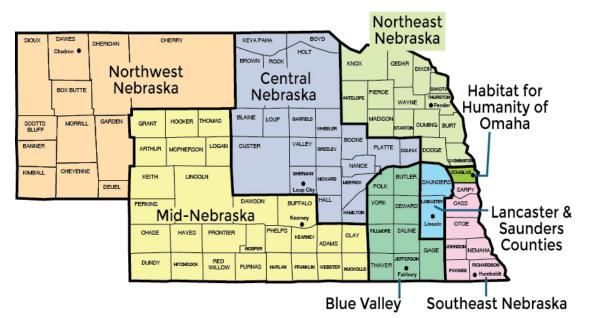
The Emergency HVAC Replacement Program allows local community service providers to utilize Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program Emergency Funds to repair or replace furnaces and/or airconditioning systems. This program is for owner occupied units that were not eligible for assistance due to previous weatherization limitations. The program pays for weatherization assistance up to \$5,000.

To receive free weatherization services, household annual income must fall below 200% of the federal poverty level. Income limits can be found at <u>http://www.neo.ne.gov/wx/wxindex.htm#income</u>

If a household receives Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), or has received Low Income Energy Assistance Payments (LIHEAP), they are automatically eligible.

Those interested in applying for funds should contact their Regional Service Provider.

Nebraska Local Weatherization Service Provider Regions



Blue Valley

620 5th Street Fairbury, NE 68352 Contact: Kelly Davis Phone: (402) 729-2278 E-mail: <u>kdavis@bvca.net</u> Website: <u>http://bvca.net/</u>

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Habitat for Humanity of Omaha

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Northeast Nebraska

603 Earl Street Pender, NE 68047 Contact: Pam Browning Phone: (402) 385-6300 E-mail: <u>pbrowning@nencap.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.nencap.org/</u>

Lancaster and Saunders Counties

210 "O" Street Lincoln, NE 68508 Contact: Amy Jeanneret Phone: (402) 471-4515 E-mail: <u>weatherization@communityactionatwork.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.communityactionatwork.org/</u>

Mid-Nebraska

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Northwest Nebraska

270 Pine Street Chadron, NE 69337 Contact: Floyd Merkel Phone: (308) 432-3393 E-mail: <u>fmerkel@ncap.info</u> Website: <u>https://www.ncap.info/</u>

Southeast Nebraska

802 4th Street Humboldt, NE 68376 Contact: Gin Christiansen Phone: (402) 862-2411 E-mail: <u>gchristiansen@senca.org</u> Website: <u>https://www.senca.org/index.php</u> For more information on applying for emergency assistance visit the Nebraska Energy Office Flood Assistance webpage at: <u>http://www.neo.ne.gov/loan/floodemergency.html</u>

The Nebraska Energy Office Dollar and Energy Saving Loans Program webpage can see found at: <u>http://www.neo.ne.gov/loan/index.html</u>

The Low Income Home Weatherization Assistance Program webpage can be found at: <u>http://www.neo.ne.gov/wx/wxindex.htm</u>

For more information on the **Dollar and Energy Saving Loans** at 1% interest contact: Aaron Miller, aaron.miller@nebraska.gov 402-471-3359 or Jody Johns, jody.johns@nebraska.gov 402-471-4282

For more information on the **Weatherization Assistance** Emergency HVAC Repair/Replacement Program contact: Tom Tabor tom.tabor@nebraska.gov 402-471-3682