



## SOCIAL SERVICES NEWS

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### FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR CRISIS HEATING/COOLING PROGRAM

HICKORY -- Funds are still available for the Crisis Intervention Program, which helps people who are experiencing a heating or cooling related crisis.

Households meeting certain income guidelines may apply for assistance if they have received a disconnect notice or are in need of fuel oil and have not exceeded the maximum limit for assistance from the CIP program (\$600 per fiscal year). You must apply in the county where you live.

Catawba County residents may apply at the Hickory Cooperative Christian Ministry, Eastern Catawba Cooperative Christian Ministry or the Salvation Army. You will need to bring the following information:

1. A disconnect notice from your heating/cooling source provider (unless you heat with fuel oil).
2. A picture ID.
3. A Social Security number or card for everyone in your household.
4. Income and resource verification for everyone in your household.

The income guidelines for this program are based on the number of people in your household and their gross (before taxes) income:

1. For a household of one, you may have a maximum monthly income of \$1,362.
2. For a household of two, you may have a maximum monthly income of \$1,839.
3. For a household of three, you may have a maximum monthly income of \$2,318.
4. For a household of four, you may have a maximum monthly income of \$2,795.
5. For a household of five, you may have a maximum monthly income of \$3,272.

For more information about this program, contact Karen Heffner at Catawba County Social Services at 828-695-5625.

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