

CRISIS INTERVENTION PROGRAM (CIP)

WHEN: Beginning July 1, 2024

WHERE: Columbus County DSS

Applications are taken each year beginning July 1st - June 30th of the following year or until the Crisis Intervention Program allocation is exhausted, whichever comes first.

WHO MAY QUALIFY:

1. Household **MUST** meet an income test.
2. Household **MUST** include a U.S. citizen or non-citizen who meets the eligibility criteria.
3. Households
 - must have a past due, final notice or disconnect notice from BEMC, Four County or Duke Energy or
 - must have less than \$20 on their powerstat, or
 - must have less than 10% fuel during the winter
4. Household **MUST** be without another heating source.
5. Household **MUST** be without sufficient, timely, and appropriate assistance from any other source.
6. Everyone living in the household will be included in the application.
7. Have a utility statement/account that shows how much is owed to alleviate the crisis
8. Household **MUST** have an energy related crisis and have a health related or life threatening emergency to potentially be eligible for crisis funds

WHAT TO BRING:

1. Picture I.D. for person making application and SS#'s of all household members
2. Utility notice or account number from BEMC, Four County or Duke Energy **OR** Powerstat card with a legible card number
3. If making an application for another person, must have a written statement from that person and a phone # where that person can be reached during the application process – can only be primary application and one other application

FUNDS ARE LIMITED AND BASED ON FUNDING AVAILABILITY

ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE VERIFIED!