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Energy Assistance Now Available

A Kansas agency is accepting online applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program in advance of the annual processing period.

Residents seeking help with winter heating bills can apply online now or submit a paper form from Jan. 13 to March 31.

The Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services says online applications won't be processed until starting Jan. 13, but getting them in early will help recipients get benefits sooner.

The program provides an annual benefit for qualifying households, primarily helping people with disabilities, the elderly and families with children. Last year nearly 51,000 households received an average benefit of roughly \$715.

Anyone receiving SRS benefits will automatically receive an application packet in the mail by Jan. 13.

The website to apply is www.ks-energy-assistance.com.

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