



Legislation Text

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TITLE

DHHS - DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES PANDEMIC LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP)

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BACKGROUND

As a result of the state budget being passed, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds have been allocated to counties for a pandemic automatically authorized energy assistance payment for households with children 0-10 that are receiving Food & Nutrition Services benefits and received LIEAP last fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Guilford DHHS-Division of Social Services has received the energy funding authorization for FY 2021-22 with additional funding in the amount of \$3,953,274.00. This additional funding will assist citizens of Guilford county meeting the eligibility criteria with heating and cooling costs. Households will receive \$300 for wood, \$400 for gas and \$500 for electric. Utility vendors will receive direct payment and funds will be solely based on the households' heating source and not their income or available resources.

BUDGET IMPACT

\$3,953,274 Increase to Federal/State Funds

\$3,953,274 Increase in Appropriation to Health & Human Services - Social Services

NO ADDITIONAL COUNTY FUNDS REQUIRED

REQUESTED ACTION

Approve an increase in Federal/State funds by \$3,953,274 and increase the FY 2021-22 Health and Human Services (Social Services) budget by the same amount to reflect additional funding authorization for the DHHS-Division of Social Services for Pandemic LIEAP program during FY 2021-22.