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News Release

Heating Assistance Available Through LIEAP

November 28, 2016, Monroe, NC – The Union County Department of Human Services, Division of Social Services (DSS), will begin accepting applications on Thursday, Dec. 1 for citizens interested in receiving assistance with their heating costs during the cold-weather months. Applications will be taken until Dec. 30 at 1212 W. Roosevelt Boulevard in Monroe, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Potential recipients of a one-time benefit from the Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) must be 60 years old or older or disabled and receiving services from the Division of Aging and Adult Services. These include home-delivered meals or nutrition site meals from Union County Nutrition for the Elderly or In-Home Aide services provided through DSS or the Council on Aging.

Households without a member in the specified target groups listed above may apply to receive benefits beginning Jan. 3, 2017. This is a first-come, first-served program in which funds are distributed until they are gone. Certain income and reserve criteria also apply.

Those applying should bring the following information, for all household members, to the interview - Social Security numbers and birthdates, income information and proof of income for all household members for two months prior to the month of application (paycheck stubs or income statements showing funds received during the month) and bill or statement from the power, gas, or fuel oil company for your primary heat-source, in the name of someone in the household, and showing an account number.

If approved, an assistance payment will be made directly to the heating provider. For more information in English or Spanish, contact DSS at 704-296-4300.