

ELDERLY ENERGY PROGRAM

2023

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Purpose: Program purpose is to assist the near Elderly and Elderly tribal members on a short term or temporary basis in meeting their heating and/or electric utility cost to prevent homelessness and address health concerns.

Program participants must meet the following criteria to qualify for Utility Assistance from OSLH's Elderly Energy Program:

Criteria

1. Applicants must be at least **55 years of age and older**. Verifiable with **photo ID** that includes a D.O.B., (example-Tribal ID., State ID., tribal enrollment document)
2. Applicants **must be the head of household**. Rental lease or homeownership must be in applicant's name.
3. Applicants must verify their **Low-Income status** by providing **documentation of their present Income** accordance with OSLH's Annual Calculation Rule and HUD regulations. The following household size and income limits apply for 2021-2022 until republished by HUD:
Household: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
Max Inc: 63,000 72,000 81,000 90,000 97,200 104,000 111,600 118,800
4. Applicants must be residing within the [Pine Ridge Indian Reservation boundaries](#)
5. Preference will be given to members of the Oglala Sioux Tribe residing in houses owned or managed by OSLH.

Applications need **updated light bill or propane receipts attached** in their name.

The Program is established to provide utility assistance in the following order of priority:

- Propane
- Electric
- Wood

The initial award amount will be \$ per applicant with the program starting in November of this year. If additional funds are available after all initial awards are made, OSLH may award another amount to those applicants who certify no sooner than thirty days after the initial award that they continue to need assistance by completing an Elderly Energy Program Recertification Form. The amounts of any additional awards will be based on available funds, but in no case will they exceed \$200.

If you need a copy of this form or have any questions call (605) 867-5161 and ask for Energy Coordinator Carrie Rowland Ext.221 EMAIL- carrie@oslh.org