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Assistance Available Now Through December for Qualifying Households

Georgetown, Texas, September 30, 2021 – Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties (OWBC) is the local community action agency for Williamson and Burnet Counties. By offering programs like Meals on Wheels, Head Start, and Community Services, OWBC fosters self-sufficiency and independence within the community. Many clients at Opportunities for Williamson & Burnet Counties are low-income individuals and families that need services to ultimately transition out of poverty.

Mortgage Assistance

Mortgage Assistance is available through our Community Services program for residents who own a home in Williamson or Burnet County. We look at the household’s four-week income history to determine eligibility. The maximum income level for eligibility is 80% of the median area income. Households may qualify if a household member recently lost employment or has experienced significantly reduced hours. Our assistance program may be able to address past or delinquent months in addition to future months.

Energy Assistance

Our Community Services program also offers a Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and funding is available. The chart below outlines the income limits for CEAP only. For qualifying applicants, it is possible that we will be able to offer energy assistance from the time of application through December 31, 2021.

**Program Year 2021 Income Limits for CEAP
(Effective January 25, 2021)**

| Persons in Family/Household | 100% of Federal Poverty Guidelines | 150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines |
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| 1 | \$12,880 | \$19,320 |
| 2 | \$17,420 | \$26,130 |
| 3 | \$21,960 | \$32,940 |
| 4 | \$26,500 | \$39,750 |
| 5 | \$31,040 | \$46,560 |
| 6 | \$35,580 | \$53,370 |
| 7 | \$40,120 | \$60,180 |
| 8 | \$44,660 | \$66,990 |
| Families with more than 8 persons | Add \$4,540 for each additional person | Add \$6,810 for each additional person |

Apply for Assistance

Interested residents of our two-county area can apply to both programs through the same application. We recommend completing the two-step online application [here](#). Hard copy applications are also available at numerous sites, or one may be [printed](#) from our website.

Questions?

Call us at (512) 255-2202 or email us at utilities@owbc-tx.org.

Eligibility for CEAP is calculated at 150% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

SOURCE: U.S Department of Health and Human Services Federal Poverty Guidelines
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

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Opportunities for Williamson and Burnet Counties is the area’s community action agency. Our mission is to empower children, families, and seniors to achieve and maintain independence by partnering with area organizations to provide education, nutrition, housing and community support. For more information, please visit our [website](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#).