



## NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC.

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PSA: ENERGY ASSISTANCE COOLING PROGRAM OPENS FOR HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY ON APRIL 1, 2026

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Cooling Program administered by the Georgia Division of Family and Children services will open to the Homebound and Elderly households on April 1, 2026. Homebound households are defined as those households in which every household member is confined to the home because of medical conditions or disabilities. Elderly households are defined as those households in which every member is aged 65 years or older. (If anyone in the household is under age 18 and all the other household members are 65 or older that household will meet the definition of Elderly.)

All households participating in the program must meet the income criteria; be responsible for paying the cost of energy for home heating directly to the supplier; and be U.S. citizens or aliens admitted to the U.S. for lawful, permanent residence.

To apply, applicants must provide their most recent heating bill, electric bill, proof of household income, proof of valid Social Security Number, proof of citizenship with a valid picture I.D. and/or alien status. In addition, Elderly households must provide proof of age for all household members.

To apply for assistance, you must call the Service Center in your county.

Assistance will be in the form of a one-time payment on behalf of the eligible household to help offset the cost of heating their homes. The checks are issued directly to the home energy supplier. No checks can be issued until North Georgia Community Action, Inc. receives the funds from the State of Georgia, Department of Human Services. Assistance is on a "first-come, first-served" basis, while the funds last.

Any low-income residents of the county who feel that their household meets the definition of "Homebound" or "Elderly" should contact the North Georgia Community Action, Inc.'s Community Service Center for their county of residence beginning April 1, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. If you are unable to get through the phone line, please be patient and keep trying. The Homebound/Elderly "priority period" is through April 30, 2026. You do not have to get on the list the first day. Keep calling until you reach someone. Do not leave messages as they will not be returned.

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THE STATE OF GA, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES WITH WHOM NORTH GA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. CONTRACTS, HAS ANNOUNCED THAT THE ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WILL OPEN FOR HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY HOUSEHOLDS ON APRIL 1, 2026.

ALL HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING IN THE PROGRAM MUST PROVIDE VERIFICATION AND MEET THE INCOME CRITERIA, BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING THE COST OF ENERGY FOR HOME HEATING DIRECTLY TO THE SUPPLIER, AND BE A U.S. CITIZEN OR ALIEN ADMITTED TO THE U.S. FOR LAWFUL, PERMANENT RESIDENCE.

TO APPLY, APPLICANTS MUST CALL THE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER IN YOUR AREA TO GET ON THE LIST.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE NORTH GEORGIA COMMUNITY ACTION, INC. COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER FOR YOUR COUNTY OF RESIDENCE:

**CATOOSA**  
**706/858-0926**

**GILMER**  
**706/635-5858**

**CHATTOOGA**  
**706/857-0729**

**MURRAY**  
**706/695-5913**

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**770/345-6531**

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**706/692-6803**

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**706/657-4664**

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**706/638-0818**

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**706/632-2854**

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