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Ohio's Air Conditioning Relief Program Begins

Program Provides Money Toward Units

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CINCINNATI -- Ohio is restarting its annual summer air conditioning aid program as residents try to the beat the heat.

The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency's (CAA) summer crisis program offers up to \$175 for the purchase of an air conditioner or payment of a summer electric bill.

"With rising utility costs, we anticipate an even greater need for the program this summer. We are here to help those who are most vulnerable to the extreme summer heat," said CAA President Gwen Robinson.

Only residents who earn an income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty Income guidelines qualify for the program.

Also, those households must have a family member who is either 60 years old or older or a resident who can show proof from a doctor that air conditioning is a medical necessity.

Last summer, officials said more than 42,000 Ohioans were helped through the program. This year, they expect to help even more because of a higher income cut-off.

If a family received an air conditioner through the program in 2007, 2008 or 2009, it cannot receive another unit. However, it can apply for financial assistance or a fan.

CAA will accept walk-in Monday through Friday at 8 a.m. Homebound persons may be eligible for a home visit to receive assistance in completing an application.

For more information on the program, click [here](#).

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