

Water Heating Tips:

- Don't leave water running when washing dishes
- Use cold water for rinsing dishes and laundry
- Wait until you have a full dishwasher load before using
- Take short showers rather than full tub baths
- Repair leaky faucets promptly
- Use cold water rather than hot water whenever possible for cleaning and other tasks

Lighting Tips:

- Turn off lights when you leave a room
- Keep light bulbs and lighting fixtures clean- this can give you 20% more light
- Use sunlight whenever you can
- Use fluorescent light in suitable areas. New bulbs and fixtures no longer hum and are more efficient than their older counterparts.

Energy Saving Tips:

Save energy dollars in other ways too!

- Install water-saving aerators on kitchen, bath and showers
- Install energy efficient light bulbs
- Clean the filters in your air-conditioning equipment every two weeks and keep heaters free of debris and dust
- Brush or vacuum dirt from coils in your air conditioners and refrigerators
- Turn off appliances and lighting when not in use
- Set water heater at 110 degrees or a low setting
- When cooking on a range, the pan should cover the individual burner; cover cooking pots and pans
- In summer keep curtains closed in west facing windows, use fans and dress lightly in loose fitting clothing
- In winter wear several layers of clothing, install curtains or other coverings over windows to keep the room warm, heat only rooms that are being used and open a window one inch when using kerosene or unvented gas space heaters

Homelessness Prevention and Homeless Assistance Program

As funded by the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

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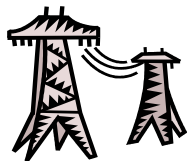
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What is the Homelessness Prevention and Homeless Assistance Program?

The Homelessness Prevention and Homeless Assistance Program is funded through the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. This program allows the Randy Sams' Outreach Shelter to administer assistance to those low-income eligible applicants in Bowie Counties who are at-risk of becoming homeless or who are homeless. Funds are used to ensure that applicants maintain housing. The intent of the HPRP is to rapidly transition applicants to stability with public assistance.

Who is eligible? Persons who are still housed but at risk of homelessness and those who are homeless. All applicants must be at 50% or below the Area Median Income (AMI). Funding is also based on the applicant's ability to remain in housing and make future payments once assistance is provided.



How can I get assistance? Once an appointment is scheduled based on qualifications, applicants will need to bring to their appointment, the disconnect notice or final bill with applicant's name/eviction notice, copies of state issued picture ID and social security cards of each person in the household, income verification of each person in the household over the age of 18, copy of lease/mortgage to verify your residency, copies of other utility bills, receipts of any other expense that has prevented you from being able to pay your current bill such as medical needs, grocery bills, auto repairs, etc..

What are the program limitations? Please keep in mind that pledges against the account can not be made until **after** the application has been completed and approved. In determining the need for assistance, applicant's will complete an application, provide requested documentation, and work with the Case Manager to complete a current and projected budget and a housing stability plan, and refer the applicant to other federal, state, and local agencies who may be able to provide services above and beyond those at the RSOS.

What are the current income guidelines?

Effective February 4, 2009

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Gross Annual Income</u>
1.....	\$10,830
2.....	\$14,570
3.....	\$18,310
4.....	\$22,050
5.....	\$25,790
6.....	\$29,530
7.....	\$33,270
8.....	\$37,010

*for more than 8, add \$3,740 for each additional member; these figures are adjusted annually



For more information please call (903) 792-7024 for an appointment for assistance.