



PUBLIC NOTICE

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program
Model Plan of Operations for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2027

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians (TMBCI) is requesting public input on what changes you would like to see in the 2027 Federal Fiscal Year Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) federal grant application plan. The current draft plan can be viewed online on the Tribal Website page at Tribal Government | Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indian (tmchippewa.com)

This program is a federally funded block grant designed to help eligible low-income households in the payment of a portion of their home energy needs by assisting households with heating, cooling, emergency crisis and weatherization costs. This program is not designed to pay a household's total energy costs. The program will provide supplemental assistance based on several factors. Those factors include total household income, household size, dwelling type, and type of heating fuel, etc.

The Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians is located at 4180 Highway 281 in Belcourt, North Dakota and will begin taking applications as follows:

- > September 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 - Early application period to determine eligibility is provided for venerable population low-income-households with an elderly individual 65 years or older, or households with a disabled/handicapped member, or households with young children, under age 6.
- > October 1, 2026 through May 31, 2027 — All regular low-income households.

LIHEAP applicants will need to furnish some form of identification, a copy of their most recent heating and electric bills, and proof of all household members' gross income for the past 90 calendar days. If an applicant has dual sources of heat, please provide both recent heating and electric bills for verification.

All eligibility household's adjusted gross income must fall within the eligibility limits listed below for the household size. The adjusted gross income of all members of an eligible household cannot exceed the following:

<u>Household size</u>	<u>Annual Gross Income</u>	<u>Household size</u>	<u>Annual Gross Income</u>
1	\$41,357	7	\$107,368
2	\$54,082	8	\$109,754
3	\$66,807	9	\$112,140
4	\$79,532	10	\$114,526
5	\$92,257	11	\$116,912
6	\$104,982	12	\$119,298

Written public comments are required and may be submitted as follows:

- > Mailed to: Buster Frederick, TMBCI LIHEAP Director, PO Box 900, Belcourt, ND 58316; or
- > Emailed to: busterfrederick50@hotmail.com; or
- > Hand Delivered to: Tribal Headquarters, 4180 Highway 281, Belcourt, ND 58316; or
- > Official Tribal Facebook Page: Turtle Mountain Tribe
- > For further questions call: (701) 477-8777 or (701) 477-2600 or (701) 477-7242

Public comments will be accepted from **August 10, 2026 to August 21, 2026 by 4:30p.m.** All comments will be reviewed and considered. The proposed 2027 LIHEAP Model Plan is subject to change based on comments received. Your participation, comments and recommendations are appreciated.