

April 7, 2023

Dear Community Action Network Partners,

In the coming days, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) will reach the limit of its fiscal year 2022-2023 state legislative budget appropriation authority for four programs:

1. Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP);
2. Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP); and
3. Weatherization Assistance Program; and
4. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) program.

Demand for these programs has exceeded budget authority far earlier than expected, and this has occurred despite the significant supplemental budget authority that the Legislature granted just a couple months ago.

To that end, this letter serves as notice that DEO will work with each of you to ensure that any outstanding invoices for the above mentioned federally funded programs are submitted by no later than Friday, April 13, 2023. Invoices received by this date will be considered and prioritized for payment in this ongoing fiscal year.

Our staff will be in contact with each of you by close of business on Monday, in order to discuss further. If you have any questions or need assistance in the meantime, please contact Debbie Smiley at (850) 717-8450 or by email at debbie.smiley@deo.myflorida.com.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Secretary for Community Development