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Senior energy program money available for AC

July 26, 2018 – Flagler County has a program available for qualified residents who need help with household air conditioning.

“The Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program is designed to help low income households who have at least one member over the age of 60, and who is experiencing a cooling emergency,” said Joe Mayer, director of Community Services.

Eligible households may receive one benefit for up to \$600 for the cooling season. The money is to make payments to utility companies, to make repairs to equipment like air conditioners, or to otherwise resolve a home cooling crisis.

A home cooling crisis exists when one or more of the following conditions apply: the household’s home cooling energy source has been cut off; a household has been notified that its energy source will be cut off; a household has been given notice that their energy bills are past due; or, a household has other problems with a lack of cooling in the home.

The program is administered through a contractual relationship between the State Departments of Economic Opportunity and Elder Affairs. The Flagler County Board of County Commissioners – through its Senior Services Division – is the provider for Flagler County by an agreement with the Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging, doing business as Eldersource.

“This is a wonderful program,” said Commissioner Nate McLaughlin. “If you need this financial assistance, ask for it. We don’t want our residents to be without.”

To receive the assistance, proper documentation including gross income, family size and other factors determine program eligibility. For more information, contact Flagler County Senior Services at 386-586-2324, extension 3621.

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