

**CONTACT PERSON: Shirley Mason**


**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING  
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

The Department of Human Services, Division of County Operations, intends to adopt a State Plan for distribution of Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Block Grant funds and administration of the Home Energy Assistance Program, for Federal Fiscal Year 2018, covering the period from October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2018. Arkansas administers the LIHEAP Block Grant under Public Law 97-35, as amended. Funding is expected to be approximately \$27,000,000.00.

The draft State Plan for LIHEAP is available for review at the Home Energy Assistance Program office on the 3rd floor of Donaghey Plaza South, Seventh and Main Streets, in Little Rock, during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or copies may be obtained by contacting the Office of Community Services at (501) 682-8715. You may also access it on the DHS website <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/Pages/LegalNotices.aspx>. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address indicated above no later than August 29, 2017.

Those who wish to comment on the proposed plan may attend the public hearing closest to you or you may comment in writing to the state agency listed below. All comments must be submitted no later than 30 days from the date of this newspaper notice to:

**Division of County Operations  
ATTN: Office of Community Services/HEAP Unit  
Post Office Box 1437, S330  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203**

  
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Mary Franklin  
Director, Division of County Operations

Date: 7/28/2017

**SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017 9:00 a.m.**

Pine Bluff-Jefferson County Economic  
Opportunities Commission, Inc.  
Post Office Box 7228  
817 So. Cherry  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71611  
Telephone: (870) 536-0046

**Tuesday, August 1, 2017 1:00 p.m.**

Arkansas Department of Human Services  
444 Highway 425 North  
Monticello, AR 71657  
Telephone: (870) 367-6835

**Wednesday, August 2, 2017 11:00 a.m.**

Crowley's Ridge Development Council, Inc.  
Post Office Box 16720  
2401 Fox Meadow Lane  
Jonesboro, Arkansas 72401  
Telephone: (870) 802-7100

**Thursday, August 3, 2017 11:00 a.m.**

Crawford-Sebastian Community Development  
Council, Inc.  
Post Office Box 4069  
4831 Armor Street  
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72914  
Telephone: (479) 785-2303