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Community Action Akron Summit will operate the 2019 **Summer Crisis Program (SCP)** to help income-eligible Summit County residents stay cool during the hot summer months. The Summer Crisis Program runs from July 1, 2019 until August 31, 2019.

The Summer Crisis Program is designed to help qualified households pay for summer cooling by assisting with an electric bill payment during the summer months.

The program provides assistance to low-income households with an elderly member (60 years or older), or households that can provide physician documentation that cooling assistance is needed for a household member's chronic health condition.

Eligible households can receive up to \$300 to assist in the payment of an electric bill. This year, the program will also provide assistance of up to \$500 to customers of unregulated utilities such as electric cooperatives and municipal utilities, like Cuyahoga Falls and Hudson.

To be eligible for assistance, households must have gross annual income at or below 175 percent of the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines. Households may receive assistance one time during the program.

Customers are eligible if their total household income is at or below 175 percent of the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines.

2018 Federal Poverty Guidelines

Size of Total Household	
Household	Annual Income
1	\$21,857.50
2	\$29,592.50
3	\$37,327.50
4	\$45,062.50
5	\$52,797.50
6	\$60,532.50
7	\$68,267.50
8	\$76,002.50

Add \$7,735 for each additional member for households with more than eight (8) members.

Eligible Summit County residents can schedule an appointment by calling the toll-free appointment line at **1-866-504-7400**.

Residents who are enrolled in the Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus Program (PIPP Plus) are not eligible for bill payment assistance through the Summer Crisis Program but are encouraged to work Community Akron Summit to identify other opportunities for assistance. Appointments will be scheduled Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Please bring all required documentation at the time of the appointment.

Community Action Akron Summit is a private non-profit corporation operating various programs that assist Summit County residents to become self-sufficient. These programs include, *Head Start*, *Early Head Start*, *Foster Grandparent Program*, *Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)*, *Akron Summit Earned Income Tax Credit Program*, *Pathways Hub and Neighborhood Development*.