

Financial Assistance for Air Conditioners - 2022 Cooling Assistance Program

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HEAP-funded air conditioners are available in limited supplies to low income people in NYS who meet income and other requirements. *In 2022 a qualifying medical condition exacerbated by heat is no longer a requirement to access this benefit.* The 2022 HEAP cooling assistance program is available beginning **May 2, 2022 through August 31, 2022.** The program will help with purchasing & installing the air conditioner, up to a cost of \$800. Units are provided on a first come, first serve basis.

More detailed information can be found here: <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/cooling-assistance-benefit/>

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must meet the following eligibility standards:

- U.S. citizen or satisfactory immigration status
- Does not have a working air conditioner which is newer than five years
- Received a regular HEAP benefit OR live in subsidized housing with heat included in rent
- Receive SNAP/TA/SSI OR meet certain income requirements (listed on website)

Certain other restrictions apply. More information can be found in local commissioner's memorandum 20-LCM-11 and attachments.

WHERE TO APPLY

- **NYC**-- Call the HEAP conference line 212-331-3126 to obtain an application and return it via mail. Can also apply in person at a local office. Applicants may also call 311.
 - ♦ See <https://access.nyc.gov/programs/cooling-assistance-benefit/#how-to-apply>
- **Rest of State** - Apply with your local district. See list of contacts by county on OTDA's website <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/contacts/>
 - ♦ More info can be found here: <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap>

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