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### Your Layoff Notice May Qualify You

North Iowa Community Action Organization has received special permission to qualify households for energy assistance payments, using their layoff or employment termination notice. Between now and May 31, 2020, you may be able to qualify, even if your income was too high to qualify before being laid off or terminated.

If you were recently laid-off, terminated from employment, or have had reduced hours, you have a strong chance of qualifying for this benefit. If you are eligible, we will send a payment to your utility company for you. The average benefit is about \$400. Your actual benefit will depend on a variety of factors, including household size and type of heat.

#### **Please note the following important information:**

- **If you already received energy assistance this past winter (since October 1, 2019), you cannot receive it again.**
- If you applied for energy assistance this past winter (since October 1, 2019), and you were over income or did not complete the application, please apply again.
- You will need social security cards for everyone in your home, proof of income (we still must collect it even if we don't use it for eligibility), your layoff or termination notice,

and your power bill. We will help you figure out how to submit all of this when we call you.

- This is only available to households living in Butler, Cerro Gordo, Floyd, Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago and Worth counties in Iowa.

Please visit our website at <https://nicao-online.org/covid-19-information-page/> to learn more. You can contact us by the following means:

- filling out the contact us form on our website
- click on this link to fill out the form <https://nicao-online.org/contacts/>
- contact one of our offices by calling any of the following numbers:

COUNTY AND OFFICE NUMBERS PHONE

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| BUTLER AND FRANKLIN         | 319-278-4606                   |
| CERRO GORDO                 | 641-423-7766 or 1-800-873-1899 |
| FLOYD, MITCHELL, AND WORTH  | 641-228-2893                   |
| HANCOCK, KOSSUTH, WINNEBAGO | 641-585-5863                   |