



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

Karl F. Dean
Mayor

Cynthia Croom
Executive Director



Metropolitan Action Commission
1624 5th Avenue, North
Nashville, TN 37208

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
July 10, 2008

Media Contact: Lisa Gallon
(615) 862-8860, Ext 144 office
(615) 566-4710 cell
Lisa.gallon@nashville.gov

Metro Action Receives nearly 2,000 Applications for help with Expenses

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Within the first six days of funding, the Metropolitan Action Commission has received 1,847 applications from low-income families seeking assistance for help with expenses such as electricity, natural gas, and mortgage and rent payments.

“During the first week nearly 100 customers were in line each morning to apply for assistance,” said Cynthia Croom, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Action Commission.

Due to the anticipation of long lines during the first few days of the program, Metro Action opened a second location as a temporary site in south Nashville for residents that worked or lived closer to that location. Today was the last day that residents could apply for assistance at the temporary location.

“We knew that during the few days customers using the main downtown location would experience long wait times, so we decided to offer the second location as an option until July 10,” said Croom.

The temporary site, located at the Susan Gray Head Start Center closed at noon today.

Davidson County residents can still apply for assistance at the main location (1624 5th Avenue North). The Community Services program also assists customers with water payments, property taxes, and deposits for utilities and rent.

Free fans and air conditioners are also available to the elderly, disabled or residents with medical conditions that requires them to be in a cool environment.

For more information on these and other programs of the agency, residents should call 862-8860.

###