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Tennessee Agencies Returning to State Funding Year Means Help Sooner for Low Income Families Eligible Customers may apply now instead of waiting until October 1

Nashville, TN—The Metropolitan Action Commission announced today that its funding period for the Community Services program will go back to the State fiscal calendar, which means that low income citizens that would have been eligible for assistance with essential household expenses in July are now eligible.

In June, Metro Action and other agencies across the state went from a state fiscal year to a federal fiscal year based on a new requirement from the Tennessee Department of Human Services (DHS). This meant that customers that would have been eligible beginning July 1, would have to wait until October 1 to apply for services.

“We believe concerns over the increased needs of customers as well as the challenging economy and unemployment conditions led to the decision by DHS to return to the state fiscal year,” said Cynthia Croom, executive director of the Metropolitan Action Commission.

Metro Action’s Community Services program provides help to low income citizens of Nashville and Davidson County with household expenses such as property tax assistance for the elderly, prescriptions, rent or mortgage payments and with energy payments such as electricity and natural gas payments.

The Metro Action Commission, which serves an average of 200 customers daily, recently relocated from its north Nashville campus to its new downtown location. The agency is now located at 800 2nd Avenue North, in the Clifford Allen Building.

Metro Action’s Community Services program receives funding from DHS through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG), which is a pass through grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Customer service hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 3:00 pm.

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