



President Joe Biden signs the American Rescue Plan, a coronavirus relief package, in the Oval Office of the White House on Thursday, March 11, 2021. (AP/Andrew Harnik)

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 PROVIDES FUNDS FOR LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

President Joe Biden signed the American Rescue Plan Act into law on March 11, 2021, in response to a difficult 2020 that was plagued by COVID-19 and accompanying economic and social woes. In addition to efforts to battle COVID-19, the far sweeping \$1.9 trillion dollar relief Act will provide aid to a vast array of programs and government agencies, as well as directly to American families. One program that will receive funding from the legislation is the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

LIHEAP, which assists low income households with heating costs during the winter and cooling costs during the summer, is expected to receive \$33 million via LIHEAP block grant funds to states and territories. In Arkansas, LIHEAP is operated by a network of fifteen Community Action Agencies (CAAs) which serves all seventy-five counties.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CITY
APR. 6	FCS Jessieville Middle School	Zoom
APR. 7	FID Jessieville Middle School	Zoom
APR. 12	Central Arkansas Library System	Zoom
APR. 13	Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet-1	Zoom
APR. 13	Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet-2	Zoom
APR. 13	Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet-3	Zoom
APR. 13	Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet-4	Zoom
APR. 13	Herbert Carter Global Community Magnet-5	Zoom
APR. 21	East End Middle School 8th Grade-1	Zoom
APR. 21	East End Middle School 8th Grade-2	Zoom
APR. 22	Premier High School of Little Rock	Zoom
APR. 22	East End Middle School 8th Grade-3	Zoom
APR. 22	East End Middle School 8th Grade-4	Zoom
AUG. 12	Emerson-Taylor-Bradley School District	Taylor

RECENT EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	INSTRUCTOR(S)	CITY	ATTENDANCE
MAR. 16	Clark County Library	John Fetherston	Arkadelphia	2

UPCOMING TRAININGS

DATE	EVENT	CITY
JAN. 1-DEC. 31	Building Science Principles online course & exam	Online
APR. 7-8	Manual J	El Dorado
APR. 13	Fundamentals of Compressed Air Training	Jonesboro
APR. 15-16	Manual J	Springdale
APR. 22-23	Manual J	Texarkana
MAY 18-19	2-day Fundamentals of Commercial HVAC Systems	Fayetteville
MAY 20	Introduction to Pump Systems Operations	Fayetteville

RECENT TRAININGS

DATE	EVENT	INSTRUCTOR(S)	CITY	ATTENDANCE
FEB. 25-26	Manual J	Tom Hunt	Little Rock	7
MAR. 4-5	Manual J	Tom Hunt	Mountain Home	7
MAR. 9	Submetering for Energy Efficiency-Justification	Jim Majsak	Zoom	37
MAR. 11-12	Manual J	Tom Hunt	Jonesboro	4
MAR. 16	Net-Metering 101-Overview & Consideration	Jim Majsak	Zoom	31
MAR. 18-19	Manual J	Tom Hunt	Hot Springs	8
MAR. 25-26	Manual J	Tom Hunt	Forrest City	33
MAR. 30	Building Data-Big Data & Energy Analytics	Jim Majsak	Zoom	38

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