

## Licking County Aging Program receives \$20,000 grant

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NEWARK – The Licking County Aging Program was one of 21 non-profit agencies that recently received financial awards from the Licking County Foundation.

The \$20,000 grant will be used by the agency to support its Emergency Utility Fund that provides emergency assistance to low and moderate income adults 60 and older when all other resources have been exhausted. When assistance is requested, LCAP social workers examine all other assistance options including the utility company and other resources. If none can be found, then the applicant can qualify for LCAP's own utility program.

The grant application noted there is “a growing need for low-to-moderate income older adults in our community to receive emergency utility assistance. Approximately 15 percent of the Licking County population is 65 and older and of that, eight percent is considered below poverty level.”

“Thanks to the Licking County Foundation we will be able to fund many seniors in our community who are in danger of having their utilities disconnected,” Dave Bibler, LCAP executive director, said.

LCAP is the chief senior-services agency in Licking County, providing personal care, homemaking, home chore, adult day care, meals, transportation and various educational and recreational services. LCAP is headquartered at Heritage Hall Senior Center, 1058 E. Main St. For further information on services or the utility assistance program, call 740-345-0821 or toll-free 1-800-452-0097.