

The Sussex County Department of Social Services is accepting applications for its annual Cooling Assistance Program.

The program assists low-income county residents in buying or repairing cooling equipment. It also helps pay electrical bills that operate cooling equipment.

To qualify, income criteria must be met. There also must be an elderly person, disabled person or a child under age 6 living in the home.

Applications will be accepted through Aug. 15, 2013.

Residents can apply online at www.commonhelp.virginia.gov. Also applications are available from the DSS offices located in the Newsome Human Services Building at 20103 Princeton Rd, Sussex, VA 23884.

For more information, call DSS at 434-246-1083.

For more information about eligibility requirements, visit the Virginia Department of Social Services website at www.dss.virginia.gov/benefit/ea.