REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

1. Proof of where you live. A copy of your heating bill is preferred.

2. Proof of identity (required for everyone in household):
   - ONE of the following: OR, TWO of the following:
     1. Driver’s license
     2. Photo ID
     3. US Passport or Naturalization certificate
     4. Adoption papers, Hospital or Doctor’s records
     5. School Records
   
3. Proof of Income:
   1. Paystubs for the most recent 4 weeks (last 30 days)
   2. Business records for the most recent 3 months OR your filed federal tax return for the current year, including all applicable schedules
   3. Child support or alimony/spousal support order OR check
   4. Copy of award letter OR official correspondence with regard to Social Security, SSI/SSD, VA, Worker’s Comp, Unemployment, Pensions

Stay safe and keep your family safe during the COVID 19 pandemic!
WAYS TO APPLY:

ONLINE – Complete the HEAP application on www.mybenefits.ny.gov; then send in the required documentation listed on the reverse by mail (address below); drop off (address below); through free NYDocSubmit app; or by fax to (716) 858-6765.

BY MAIL – Request an application to be sent to you by email at Heaphotline@erie.gov, OR print out the application from the Erie county website – www.erie.gov; then mail your completed application with documentation (listed on the reverse) to: Erie County Dept. of Social Services, 95 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY 14202, Attention: HEAP.

BY PHONE – Call (716) 858-7644 to complete a HEAP application over the phone with a phone representative; you will also be required to provide documentation listed on the reverse via drop off, mail, or fax.

DROP OFF – Paper HEAP applications may be obtained in our lobby at 460 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202. Completed HEAP applications with documentation can be dropped off in the lobby of the HEAP office at 460 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14202 between 8AM and 4PM, Monday through Friday, in the drop box.