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## Durham County DSS Announces Duke Energy North Carolina Shareholders Fund Availability

**Durham, NC-** Durham County Department of Social Services (DCDSS) is distributing Duke Energy North Carolina Shareholders Funds (NCSF) to low-income customers serviced by Duke Energy. The maximum amount that can be issued during a fiscal year of July 1-June 30 is \$1,500.00. All NCSF are issued on a first come basis. Once all funds have been exhausted, the program will end.

DCDSS will provide financial help to low-income, Duke Energy customers who:

- Live in Durham County
- Have a household income that is equal to or less than 200% the established federal poverty limits (FPL). The current financial limits are listed below:

Family Size	FPL 200% (Annual)	FPL 200% (monthly)
1	\$22,340	\$1,862
2	\$30,260	\$2,522
3	\$38,180	\$3,182
4	\$46,100	\$3,842
5	\$54,020	\$4,502

6	\$61,940	\$5,162
7	\$69,860	\$5,822
8	\$77,780	\$6,482
<b>(Source:</b> <i><a href="http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.shtml">http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.shtml</a></i>		

The NCSF may be used for:

- Electric bill payment assistance for customers at risk of power being disconnected.
- Duke Energy deposit assistance to establish power service.
- Energy star appliance purchases, such as refrigerators/stoves, for low-income homeowners who have broken appliances that are beyond repair.
- Vendor payments for electric energy equipment installation/repair.
- Simple weatherization projects such as caulking and weather stripping.

Priority for assistance is given to individuals or families with delinquent bills, deposit assistance and service connections.

Applications for NCSF are being taken Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., at DCDSS buildings located at 220 East Main Street and 300 North Duke Street. F families with children can call 919-560-8301 to make an appointment. Adults without children can make an appointment by calling 919-560-8600.

For more information about the Duke Energy NC Shareholders Fund, contact Jovetta Whitfield, an assistant director for Durham County Department of Social Services, at 919-560-8086 or via email at [jwhitfield@durhamcountync.gov](mailto:jwhitfield@durhamcountync.gov)

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