

**Tri-County Opportunities Council
Board Meeting Highlights
October 27, 2022**

All Programs:

Please share our organization's website, www.tcochelps.org, for Job Opportunities in Lee County. Please refer customers to dial 211 for assistance in Lee County.

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG):

Approval was needed to apply for a grant from the Church Women United of Princeton, Illinois. This group has generously supported the Bureau County Food Pantry over previous years and provided funds to offset the rent and utility expenses. In past years the grant has been valued at \$15,000.

LIHEAP:

Approval is needed to accept \$20,000 from the Nicor Gas Energy Aide Program. These funds will reduce customers' past-due balances, allowing them to focus on other household needs. Eligible customers can receive a grant for past due amounts up to \$350. This is inclusive of non-heat accounts. Eligible customers include Nicor Gas residential customers at or below 350% of the Federal Poverty Level.

TCOC's Mission Statement

Tri-County Opportunities Council will investigate the impact of poverty throughout our nine-county service area and will work, in partnership with individuals, families and communities to provide opportunities that supports movement towards stability and self-sufficiency.

The upcoming **hybrid** meeting is Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,


Marvin Williams
Lee County Board Member