

## County program helps seniors 'Beat the Heat'

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Today is the first day of summer – and the first day of a program to collect and buy fans and air conditioners for senior citizens and poor people.

The Cincinnati-Hamilton County Community Action Agency will accept cash, checks and credit card payments as part of "Beat the Heat," announced Wednesday by Cincinnati Mayor Mark Mallory and Hamilton County Commission president Todd Portune.

Each of them kicked in \$1,000 in public money to start the collection. Some of the

money also will go toward making utility payments.

Staying cool isn't a luxury, Portune said. "It is a necessity, especially for the aged, the infirm and the indigent."

To help, send donations to the Community Action Agency, 1740 Langdon Farm Road, Cincinnati, OH 45237.

Air conditioners and fans can be dropped off Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Make other arrangements by calling 513-569-1840.

"It's important to make sure that we look out for our seniors in the summer months," Mallory said. "The heat affects us all, but it can be dangerous for some."