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Governor Rell: Residents May Apply Now for Home-Heating Aid

Governor M. Jodi Rell is reminding Connecticut residents who need help keeping their homes warm to apply now for winter heating assistance benefits.

“Cold weather is here, and we want to do all we can to help Connecticut families get through the winter,” Governor Rell said. “Families are struggling to pay their bills in this economy, and we want everyone to know that there is help available.”

Information on fuel assistance is available by calling 2-1-1 Infoline.

The Governor said \$108 million in federal funds will allow the state to help more than 112,000 households, up from the record 107,500 served last year.

This year’s aid will again be distributed through the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) for low-income families and singles, and the Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP) for households with higher incomes.

Basic benefits for CEAP range from \$605 to \$880 for homeowners and renters whose heat is not included in the rent; and up to \$410 for tenants whose heat is included. The CHAP basic benefit is \$580. Also, households using “deliverable” fuels – heating oil, kerosene and propane – may be eligible for a one-time \$400 crisis assistance benefit. Safety net assistance benefits of up to \$400 a delivery may also be authorized for CEAP households if they use up their basic benefit and crisis assistance benefits.

Eligibility is based on household size, income and liquid assets. The following are examples of eligibility for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program:

- Households with maximum income up to 150 percent of the federal poverty level (\$33,075 for a family of four).
- Households with a member age 60 and older, or with a disability, maximum income up to 200 percent of federal poverty level (\$44,100 for a family of four).

Households with higher incomes may be eligible for the Contingency Heating Assistance Program:

- Households with maximum income up to 60 percent of the state median income (\$58,625 for family of four).

Applicants can sign up at one of several Community Action Agencies around the state (see attached list for phone numbers to call for an appointment); or can call 2-1-1 Infoline for the location of the nearest local application site.

Community Action Agencies:

- **The Community Action Committee of Danbury, Inc.** (203) 748-5422
- **New Opportunities, Inc. (Waterbury area)** (203) 756-8151
- **Bristol Community Organization, Inc.** (860) 582-7490
- **Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc.** (860) 223-2288
- **Community Renewal Team, Inc. (Hartford area)** (860) 560-5800 or 1-800-798-3805; **(Middletown area)** (860) 347-4465 ext.223 or 224
- **ACCESS, Inc. (Willimantic area)** (860) 450-7423; **(Danielson area)** (860) 774-0418
- **Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (Norwich area)** (860) 889-1365 ext.9; **(New London area)** (860) 444-0009 ext.199 or 202
- **New Opportunity for Greater Meriden** (203) 235-0278 ext.12 (sponsored by New Opportunities, Inc.)
- **Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc.** (203) 387-7700



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- **TEAM, Inc. (Derby-Ansonia-Shelton area)** (203) 736-5420
- **Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc.** (203) 384-6904
- **Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Incorporated** (203) 663-7347
- **CTE, Inc. (Stamford area)** (203) 352-4846

Besides calling 2-1-1, the public can also visit www.ct.gov/staywarm for full information on eligibility requirements and benefits.