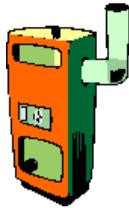


Operation Fuel

You may be eligible for Operation Fuel assistance up to \$500 if your household income falls within these amounts:

# in Household	Household Income
1	\$15,601 to \$48,787
2	\$21,000 to \$63,799
3	\$26,400 to \$78,810
4	\$31,800 to \$93,821
5	\$37,200 to \$108,832

For more information about this program and to locate an intake site near you, please contact 211 Infoline.



Weatherization & Efficiency Programs

Through the Connecticut Housing Investment Fund (CHIF) you may be eligible for low- or no-interest, long-term loans for energy-efficient upgrades including furnaces and boilers, thermal windows and doors, insulation, hot water heaters and replacement roofs.

Please contact CHIF at (860) 233-5165 ext. 2019 or 2023 or www.chif.org for more details.

To learn whether you are eligible for these benefits, please contact 1-800-842-1132 or 211 Infoline.



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Dear Neighbor,

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the 100th District in Hartford. I am excited about making a real difference at the Capitol as we tackle important issues such as property tax reform, energy costs, education funding and public health. Throughout the year, I plan to keep you informed about the programs and legislation that impact you.

There are a number of home heating programs available to assist you in paying your heating bills this winter. Enclosed in this newsletter are brief descriptions and eligibility requirements for the various programs available to you. As you review this information, please feel free to contact me at the Capitol or call 2-1-1 Infoline with questions.

I encourage you to share with me your ideas or suggestions as the legislative session progresses. You can contact me at the Legislature either by phone at 1-800-842-8267, or by mail at Legislative Office Building, Room 4014, Hartford, CT 06106, or by e-mail at Matthew.Lesser@cga.ct.gov.

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Matt Lesser



Home Heating Assistance



Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

You may be eligible for CEAP assistance if your household income is under:

# in Household	Household Income	Household Income (household that includes a person with a disability or age 60 or older)
1	\$15,600	\$20,800
2	\$21,000	\$28,000
3	\$26,400	\$35,200
4	\$31,800	\$42,400
5	\$37,200	\$49,600

Benefits (amounts vary based on income levels):

- Up to \$885 or \$925 for households that have one or more members who are elderly (age 60 or older), or who have a disability, or are under the age of 6.
- \$425 to \$455 for renters whose heat is included in the rent and who pay more than 30% of their gross income towards rent.

Connecticut Heating Assistance Program (CHAP)

You may be eligible for \$625 in CHAP assistance if your household income is under:

# in Household	Household Income
1	\$29,272
2	\$38,279
3	\$47,286
4	\$56,293
5	\$65,299

Additional Programs that may help your family this winter

The Legislature established a new program to provide benefits to state residents 65 or older with incomes no more than the following: PA 08-1, 08-2 (Aug. SS)

# in Household	Household Income
1	\$48,787
2	\$63,789
3	\$78,810
4	\$93,822
5	\$108,833

- Based on your income level, there are cash benefits and low interest loan programs for furnace or boiler repair or replacement. Contact the Office of Policy and Management at 1-866-940-4676.
- Energy audits are available to help improve your home's energy efficiency. For more information call 1-877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873).

Utility Programs

CL&P has programs that may help consumers that are having difficulty paying their utility bills, including possible forgiveness of past due amounts, bill payment plans, protection from service shutoff during the winter and weatherization programs. Please contact them directly for more information:

CL&P - 1-800-286-2828

Safety Net Services

You may be eligible for an additional benefit of up to \$625 in Safety Net Assistance Benefits if you already qualify for CEAP assistance.

For more general information about these or other energy-saving programs, please contact my office toll free at 1-800-842-8267.