

# HOME HEATING ASSISTANCE

*The Democrats fought hard to increase home heating aid for families to ensure that no one is left in the cold this winter.*



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

## Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP)

**IN 2008 WE INCREASED THE BENEFIT LEVELS FOR THE CEAP PROGRAM!**

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 & pay more than 30% of their gross income towards rent.

## Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP)

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

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1	\$20,800
2	\$28,000
3	\$35,200
4	\$42,400
5	\$49,600

## 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.

# Operation Fuel

**WE SUCCESSFULLY FOUGHT TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE FUNDING FOR OPERATION FUEL TO REACH MORE FAMILIES THIS WINTER.** PA 08-1 (Aug. SS)

You may be eligible for Operation Fuel assistance if your household income falls within these amounts:

# in Household	Household Income
1	\$15,600 to \$48,787
2	\$21,000 to \$63,789
3	\$26,400 to \$78,810
4	\$31,800 to \$93,822
5	\$37,200 to \$108,833

The actual benefit levels are still being determined and will vary based on your income; please contact 1-800-842-1132 for more information.

## Additional Programs that may help your family this winter

The Democrats 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)

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- Based on your income levels 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. PA 08-1, 08-2 (Aug. SS)
- Energy audits are available to help improve your home's energy efficiency. For more information call 1-877-WISE-USE (877-947-3873). PA 08-1, 08-2 (Aug. SS)

## 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) 233-5265 ext. 2019 or 2023 or [www.chif.org](http://www.chif.org) for more details.

## Utility Programs

Both CL&P and UI have 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 your utility directly for more information:

CL&P - 1-800-286-2828

UI - 1-800-322-9288 or 1-800-442-5004

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