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Heating Assistance Program Notice

Community Action, Inc receives Federal, State, City, Utility, and Private Grants each winter to provide low and moderate income residents help in paying their heating bills. Funds are also provided to weatherize homes to make them more energy efficient. We also provide funds to repair or replace old furnaces and boilers.

Last winter we provided assistance to over 3700 homes in our service area that includes Haverhill, Merrimac, Groveland, Georgetown, Boxford, Rowley, Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury, Amesbury and West Newbury.

In addition to making direct payments on oil, gas, and electric heating bills, we can also pay a portion of each month's rent for those people in apartments where the heat is included in the rent.

Eligible households also receive automatic discounts if they are customers of National Grid Gas and Electric and Verizon Landline Telephone. Oil heated households get the oil at the lowest price currently available through our low bid oil vendors.

Last year we paid an average of \$950 in heating bills for each eligible household. Even with the possibility of higher gas, electric and oil prices this year we anticipate paying about the same amount per household.

Eligibility is based solely on gross income according to the number of people in the home. Only periodic income is counted. Money in savings accounts or in CD accounts isn't counted.

The maximum gross incomes allowed for this program are as follows:

One Person in the Home	\$536/week	\$2,323/month	\$27,876/year
Two People in the Home	\$701/week	\$3,038/month	\$36,454/year
For each additional person			
Up to Six	\$165/week	\$714/month	\$8,577/year
For each over six add	\$31/week	\$134/month	\$1,608/year

The application process is very easy and our staff is anxious to help those that apply.