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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 with help in paying their heating bills. Separate funds are 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 5300 households 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. Oil heated households get the oil at the lowest price currently available through our low bid oil vendor.

Last year we paid an average of \$570 in heating bills for each eligible household. Depending on the amount of funding that we are awarded this year, we hope that we will be able to pay about the same amount per household.

Eligibility is based solely on the 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	\$601 / week	\$2605 / month	\$31271 / year
Two People in the Home	\$786 / week	\$3407 / month	\$40893 / year

For more than two people in the household, call us for the income figures.

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