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NHDOE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, NEWS AND UPDATES

New Hampshire Fuel Assistance Program (FAP) Opens Today

December 1 marks the official opening of New Hampshire's Fuel Assistance Program (FAP), which helps vulnerable Granite State families with their heating bills.

Last winter, the program provided benefits to more than 29,500 households. With 25,000 applications already received, there is still a great need for assistance with the cost of heating.

Known in Washington as the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program or LIHEAP, the Fuel Assistance Program aids New Hampshire families and seniors whose annual household income is at or below 60% of the State Median Income, the highest amount allowed by federal statute. For a family of four this year, that means an annual maximum income of \$80,069. For a single person household, the maximum income is \$41,635.

"The Fuel Assistance Program benefit helps eligible Granite Staters supplement the cost of heating regardless of how the household pays for heat, and benefits range from \$242 to \$2,419," said Jared Chicoine, NH Department of Energy Commissioner. "Whether a household heats with electric, natural gas, propane, wood, oil, kerosene, or even has heat included in their rent, anyone in need of assistance with home energy costs is encouraged to apply."

A nationwide 'Do I Qualify?' eligibility tool is available at energyhelp.us.

To apply to the program, NH residents should contact their local Community Action Program (CAP) Agency. Information about New Hampshire's five CAP Agencies, including locations and contact information, visit www.capnh.org.

To learn more about the Fuel Assistance Program, visit our <u>Fuel Assistance Program</u> webpage.