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As temperatures drop across Vermont, many of our friends and neighbors may struggle to afford to heat their homes. Fortunately, help is available. The following programs can assist Vermonters in staying warm during these colder months. If you need further assistance, please call my office at 800-339-9834 or call Vermont 2-1-1.

SEASONAL FUEL ASSISTANCE

This program helps income-eligible homeowners and renters pay for heat and is funded through the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Renters may qualify even if heat is included in rental costs. To apply, contact the Vermont Department of Children and Families' Economic Services Division Office online at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/fuel> or by calling 800-479-6151.

EMERGENCY/GENERAL ASSISTANCE

This program may help if you do not have enough money to meet an emergency heating, housing, medical, personal, or burial need. For information on benefits, eligibility, and how to apply, visit <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/EA-GA> or call 800-479-6151 or 2-1-1.

CRISIS FUEL ASSISTANCE

If you are low on fuel and cannot afford more, crisis fuel assistance may be able to help. This program can also pay to repair or replace furnaces and fuel tanks and help you negotiate a payment plan, or for electricity if it's required to run your heating system. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency, which can be found by visiting <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/caps> or calling 2-1-1.

WARMTH PROGRAM

This program is intended to supplement the Season Fuel and Crisis Fuel programs. Funding is available on a first come first serve basis to income eligible clients from late October through April. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency, which you can find at: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/caps> or by calling 2-1-1.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE

Green Mountain Power, Vermont Gas, and the Vermont Public Power Supply Authority have programs to help low-income Vermonters heat and light their homes in the winter. For information on eligibility and how to apply, call 800-775-0516 or visit www.energyhelp.vt.gov.

EMERGENCY HEATING SYSTEM PROGRAM

This program helps repair or replace the primary heat source for eligible Vermonters experiencing a heating issue. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency, which you can find at: <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/caps> or by calling 2-1-1. If you are older, disabled, or have a child under 6 in your household, you may apply on weekends and holidays by visiting <https://dcf.vermont.gov/benefits/crisis-heat>.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

This program can help improve the energy efficiency, safety, and comfort of your home and save you money on your energy bills. If you are approved, the program can provide free weatherization services like comprehensive "whole house" energy assessment, state-of-the-art building diagnostics, and full-service energy-efficient retrofits. On average, the program makes about \$10,000 worth of improvements per home, adds about 1,500 square feet of insulation, and reduces drafts by about 40 percent. To apply, contact your local Community Action Agency, which you can find at <https://dcf.vermont.gov/contacts/partners/caps> or by calling 2-1-1.

VERMONT ENERGY SAVER PROGRAMS AND INCENTIVES

Eligible Vermonters may be able to get help with rebates and financing for heating systems, water heating systems, and other energy efficient technologies. For a list of resource for home efficiency rebates and incentives, visit <http://energysaver.vermont.gov/programs-incentives>

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Income guidelines and other eligibility criteria apply