Application Process

- To apply for HEAP, LIAP, AMP, THAW and ECIP programs, please call 664-2424 to schedule an appointment.
- Applications can take up to 30 business days from date of application to be processed.
- The DCP website, www.downeastcommunitypartners.org has a list of items that must be brought to your appointment.

DCP’s mission:
To improve the quality of life and reduce the impact of poverty in Downeast communities.

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For a complete listing of DCP program sites, please visit us on the web at www.downeastcommunitypartners.org
Heating Assistance

Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- DCP administers the federal Home Energy Assistance Program which helps pay home heating costs. HEAP eligibility is based on a percentage of federal poverty levels and the guidelines change each year, so clients need to reapply each year. HEAP pays a portion of home heating costs but not all.

Energy Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP)
- ECIP funds supplement HEAP in emergencies. The household must be below 1/8 tank of oil or about to have electricity disconnected.
- $400 benefit with approved application for fuel, electric, or furnace repair.
- Must be HEAP qualified for this program.

For more information on how to access programs or to schedule an appointment please call 664-2424.

THAW Fund

The Heating and Warmth fund (THAW)
- THAW funds help when all other resources have been exhausted.
- THAW Fund donations provide assistance for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) ineligible purposes, such as furnace repairs, utility bills and service reconnections.
- A typical THAW fund recipient receives a 100-gallon emergency delivery of heating fuel.
- THAW fund awards are not based on income or assets.
- Applicants can apply for this program once per year.

Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP)
- LIAP is a one time electric benefit that is funded by the utility company.
- Application is done at the same time as HEAP application. Must be HEAP qualified for this program.

Arrearage Management Program (AMP)
- Utility bill must be more than $500 and older than 90 days to qualify.
- $300 monthly cap per applicant. May reapply a 2nd year.
- Application is done at the same time as HEAP application. Must be HEAP qualified for this program.

Electric Bill Credit
- The Resource Advocate Program (RAP) offers educational training, which when completed, provides a credit of $50 off an electric bill per module completed up to $300.
- Eligibility: Must be HEAP participants.
- Please call 460-7626 for more information on this program.