Energy Crisis Intervention Program

The Emergency Crisis Intervention Program (ECIP) provides an $800 maximum benefit (supplemental to HEAP) with an approved application for fuel, electric, or furnace repair.

Eligibility
- Must be eligible for HEAP
- Household must have:
  - Below 1/4 tank of oil or kerosene
  - 7 days or less supply of wood or wood pellets
  - 25% or below of LP gas
  - Electricity soon to be disconnected

Apply for Energy Services Programs

To apply for any Energy Services programs, contact us by phone to schedule an appointment.

Main Office

248 Bucksport Road
Ellsworth, ME 04605

For a complete listing of DCP program sites, visit our website.

www.downeastcommunitypartners.org

Contact Us

207-610-5914
heap@dcpcap.org

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We're Here to Help You Stay Warm.

At Downeast Community Partners, we understand the challenges of winter in rural Maine. We know the costs of heating a home and keeping the lights on are high, and we know the winter months are long. We know because we live here, too. As such, DCP’s Energy Services exist to provide the essential heating and electricity assistance our neighbors throughout Hancock and Washington counties need. Whatever the cause of your need to contact us, it is our privilege to assist you. And wherever your journey may take you, we’re here to help you stay warm.

The Heating and Warmth Fund

The Heating and Warmth (THAW) fund is completely donor funded and disbursed entirely based on need—not based on income or assets.

Most THAW fund recipients receive a 100-gallon delivery of heating fuel or equivalent.

However, THAW funds may also be used for HEAP ineligible expenses, such as furnace repairs, utility bills, and service reconnections.

Applicants may apply to receive a THAW fund benefit once per year.

Utility Bill Assistance

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Low Income Assistance Program

The Low Income Assistance Program (LIAP) is a one-time electric benefit funded by the utility company.

Eligibility

LIAP applicants must be eligible for HEAP.

Application Process

The LIAP application is completed at the same time as the HEAP application.

Home Energy Assistance Program

DCP administers the federal Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) which pays a portion of home heating costs.

- HEAP eligibility is based on a percentage of federal poverty levels
- Because the income guidelines change yearly, individuals in need of this program must apply each year.

Utility Bill Assistance cont.

Arrearage Management Program

The Arrearage Management Program (AMP) helps to pay overdue utility bills.

Eligibility

AMP applicants must:
- Be eligible for HEAP
- Have a utility bill balance more than $500 and older than 90 days

Application Process

The AMP application is completed at the same time as the HEAP application.

Electric Bill Credit

DCP’s Whole Family Coaching Program offers training to HEAP participants, which provides a $60 electric bill credit per training unit completed, up to $300.

Eligibility

Applicants must be HEAP participants.

Application Process

Call 207-478-4276 for more information.