

## 2023-2024 CT Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) and the New Eversource Low-Income Discount Rate

Please note the eligibility criteria for the upcoming heating assistance program and the changes in award amounts Please note information regarding the new Eversource Low-Income Discount Rate

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) is designed to help offset home energy costs for eligible residents.

Federal Poverty Guidelines/State Median Income 2023-2024

Level	1 Person	2 People	3 People	4 People	5 People	6 People	7 People	8 People
1	\$18,225	\$24,650	\$31,075	\$37,500	\$43,925	\$50,350	\$56,775	\$63,200
2	\$29,160	\$39,440	\$49,720	\$60,000	\$70,280	\$80,560	\$90,840	\$101,120
3	\$41,553	\$54,338	\$67,124	\$79,910	\$92,695	\$105,481	\$107,878	\$110,275

### Basic Benefit

Level	Poverty Guideline	Vulnerable Household 60+, disabled, or under 6	Non-Vulnerable Household
1	At or below 125% Federal Poverty Level	\$530	\$480
2	126% - 200% Federal Poverty Level	\$380	\$330
3	201% Federal Poverty Level – 60% State Median Income	\$230	\$180

**CRISIS ASSISTANCE BENEFITS** address the heating needs of deliverable fuel heated households that have exhausted their Basic Benefits and are still at imminent risk of losing heat

Eligible deliverable fuel heated households will be eligible to receive a Crisis Assistance Benefit of \$410. All deliverable fuel eligible households may receive a Crisis Assistance Benefits of \$410 each during the program year. Eligible households at level 1 and 2 may receive a second Crisis Assistance Benefit of \$410 during the program year. Utility heated households (e.g., electric and natural gas heated households) are not eligible for Crisis Assistance Benefits.

**SAFETY NET ASSISTANCE BENEFITS** will not be available during the 2023-2024 program year.

**Rental Assistance Benefits** are available to those households who do not make direct-to-vendor payments for their primary source of heat. Households that are determined eligible for Rental Assistance Benefits will receive a direct cash benefit to defray heating costs.

Level	Poverty Guidelines	Amount
1	Up to 125% of Federal Poverty Guidelines	\$125
2	126% -200% Federal Poverty Guidelines	\$100
3	201% Federal Poverty Guidelines - 60% State Median Income	\$75

### **NEW!!! – Eversource Low-Income Discount Rate**

Starting no later than 1/1/2024, Eversource will begin offering a two-tiered Low-Income Discount Rate to eligible households. For those who heat with electricity, this discount rate will be applied to the first 1,200 kWh/month.

For those who do not heat with electricity, this discount rate will be applied to the first 800 kWh/month. Tier 1 households (households up to 60% State Median Income – see Level 3 income listed above) will be eligible for a 10% discount on the portion of their bill as noted above dependent upon heat source. Tier 2 households (households up to 160% Federal Poverty Guidelines – see chart below) will be eligible for a 50% discount on the portion of their bill as noted above dependent upon heat source.

160% Federal Poverty Guidelines

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\$23,328	\$31,552	\$39,776	\$48,000	\$56,224	\$64,448	\$72,672	\$80,896

Based on the new Low-Income Discount Rate, total monthly payments will be recalculated, and a new Monthly Payment schedule will be provided.

**Please contact the Senior Center at 860-228-1700 to make an appointment to apply starting October 16**