THE FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO?

Call South Shore Community Action Council at 508-746-6707 or 1-877 FUEL AID for information. A staff member will give you information on what you need to do to apply: Proof of Income, Proof of Identity, Fuel bill and heating costs for the last 12 months (Printouts from Utilities, if you have gas or electric heat).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Any low-income family within the income guidelines. You can own or rent (including renters whose heating costs are included in rent). Eligibility is determined by the gross income of all family members over the age of 18, as well as family size.

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT

You may be eligible for an additional benefit if the cost of heating your home for the last 12 months is high and exceeds the threshold set for your fuel type.

HOW DOES SSCAC PAY MY BILL?

Your heating company (Gas, Oil, Electric, etc.) will send billing directly to SSCAC and payments up to your benefit level will be made for energy used from November-April.

EXCEPTIONS?

YES, if you have a federal housing subsidy AND the cost of your heat is included in your rent AND your rent is less than 30% of your income, you are NOT eligible.

DO I PAY ANYTHING ON MY FUEL BILL IN THE WINTER?

YES. The Fuel Assistance Program does not pay ALL of your winter heating bills. Call your fuel vendor and ask for your last winter’s bill. Subtract your benefit level (Information available by calling 508-746-6707 or 1-877 FUEL AID toll free long distance) from your winter usage, what is left is your responsibility to pay.