

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

Eligibility

Household Income Guidelines

The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program helps households pay for primary heating bills. If the household's primary heating costs are included in your rent, you may also apply for assistance.

Benefits are available to households with incomes up to sixty percent of the state median income.

Household Size – includes homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat, and renters whose heat is included in the rent.								
Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Annual Income	\$39,027	\$51,035	\$63,044	\$75,052	\$87,060	\$99,069	\$101,320	\$103,572

Note: Any household in which one household member is participating in one or more of the following programs is automatically considered income eligible for winter heating assistance benefits but must meet all other eligibility requirements to receive benefits: Temporary Family Assistance (TFA), State Supplement to the Aged, Blind and Disabled, Refugee Cash Assistance Program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

CEAP Important Dates

- November 1, 2021** First day for fuel deliveries that can be paid by the program.
- May 2, 2022** Deadline for fuel authorizations or deliveries.
- May 31, 2022** The last day that a household can apply to establish its eligibility for benefits.
- June 15, 2022** Last day to submit deliverable fuel bills.
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Benefits

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The Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) benefits thousands of homeowners and renters throughout the state. Please check out the services explained on this website, as well as income guidelines to see if you are eligible for CEAP.

A vulnerable household may receive more basic benefits than a non-vulnerable household. **A vulnerable household may be eligible for up to \$1015 in basic winter heating benefits this winter, compared to \$940 for a non-vulnerable household.** Minimum basic benefit level is \$410 for CEAP households.

Up to \$1015 in winter heating assistance for ‘vulnerable’ households (Households which have one or more members who are elderly (age 60 or older), or who have a disability, or are under the age of 6.)

Up to \$940 in winter heating assistance for non-vulnerable households (Households with no member who is elderly (age 60 or older), or has a disability, or is under the age of 6.)

A range of basic benefit levels are built into Connecticut's winter heating assistance program. Once a household applies and is determined eligible for the program, the level of benefits is determined.

The exact level of basic benefits is determined by your household's income, the number of members, and whether there is a ‘vulnerable’ household member. Households with lower income levels are eligible for higher benefits.

Benefits for renters whose heat is included in the rent:

From **\$225 to \$475** in winter heating assistance.

This level applies to households which do not make direct vendor payments for winter heating; **In other words, renters whose heat is included in their rent.**

Benefits for Households qualifying for Crisis Heating Assistance:

A **one-time benefit of up to \$1010** in winter heating assistance for CEAP deliverable fuel heated households.

Subject to the availability of funds, the state will implement a Crisis Assistance Program to address the heating needs of service recipient households who have exhausted their CEAP Basic Benefits and are unable to secure primary heat. A one-time benefit in winter heating assistance for deliverable fuel heated households of **up to \$1010** for eligible households with incomes up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG), and **up to \$500** for eligible households with incomes over 200% FPG to 60% State Median Income (SMI).

Crisis is defined in all cases as being unable to secure primary heat, causing a life-threatening situation during the program delivery period defined as being without or within one week of being without primary heating fuel, such as having an oil or kerosene supply below either 70 gallons or one-quarter tank.

**Benefits for Deliverable Fuel Households qualifying for Safety Net Assistance:
Up to \$700 per delivery in Safety Net Assistance Benefits**

- Vulnerable CEAP households may receive up to four (4) Safety Net Deliveries.
- Non-Vulnerable CEAP households may receive three (3) Safety Net Deliveries.
- Vulnerable and Non-Vulnerable Level 5 households, i.e., those with income over 200% FPG to 60% SMI are eligible for up to three (3) Safety Net Deliveries.

Subject to the availability of funds, the state will implement a Safety Net Program to address the heating needs of CEAP deliverable fuel-heated households who have exhausted their Basic Benefits and Crisis Assistance Benefits and are in a life-threatening situation. Such households may be eligible to receive **up to \$700** per delivery in Safety Net Assistance Benefits.