



Since 1965, SSCAC has provided a range of critical services to low-income individuals and families on the South Shore of Massachusetts.



**THE FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
BEGINS ON NOVEMBER 1, 2017
AND ENDS APRIL 30, 2018.**

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM GROSS ANNUAL INCOME
Family of 1	\$34,380
Family of 2	\$44,958
Family of 3	\$55,537
Family of 4	\$66,115
Family of 5	\$76,693
Family of 6	\$87,272
Family of 7	\$89,255
Family of 8	\$91,239

**IF ELIGIBLE FOR FUEL ASSISTANCE YOU
MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

A program that can install attic and/or wall insulation and perform air sealing measures to prevent loss of heat from your home.

(HEARTWAP)

Heating Emergency Assistance Retrofit Task Weatherization Assistance Program repairs or replaces your primary heating system.

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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.