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Fairfield Social Services is now making appointments to assist Fairfield residents with applications for the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program. Energy assistance pays for a household’s primary heating source such as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood and wood pellets on behalf of eligible households. The amount of heat assistance may not be sufficient to cover a household’s entire winter heating cost. Homeowners and renters may apply.

Due to risks associated with Covid-19, there will not be in-person appointments for Energy Assistance. Please call the Social Services office to set up your telephone appointment: 203-256-3170.

Please note: ABCD, the agency that determines an applicant’s eligibility for Energy Assistance, has changed its name to Alliance for Community Empowerment. Eligibility is based on household income and asset guidelines. Applications may not be submitted to Alliance on a resident’s behalf until all required documentation has been provided.

To be eligible:
1. In a one-person household, income can be NO greater than $36,645. In a two-person household, income can be NO greater than $49,228.
2. If you are a renter, the first $12,000.00 in liquid assets is disregarded. Any amount over that limit, when added to the annual gross income must be below the income guidelines.
3. If you are a homeowner, the first $15,000.00 in liquid assets is disregarded. Any amount over that limit, when added to the annual gross income must be below the income guidelines.

The following information is required:
1. Proof of income sources: copy of most recent monthly (quarterly, annual) check or copy of an award letter or copy of most recent bank statement showing the direct deposit. If you are employed you must provide a copy of your four most recent consecutive pay stubs.
2. Dividends, annuities or interest income (has to be more than $10/month). Copy of a statement for the most recently completed period.
3. Proof of what you pay for rent. In addition, the name, address and telephone number of your landlord is required. If you are a homeowner and pay a mortgage, you must provide proof of your mortgage payment.
4. If you have a checking and/or savings account, you must bring in the most recent ENTIRE statement. 5. If natural gas or electricity heats the household, bring in the most recent ENTIRE statement.

Please remember all members of the household who receive income must report their income.

Thank you,

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