

Town of Fairfield Department of Social Services

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For Immediate Release

Operation Fuel & Heating Assistance Available

Fairfield, CT – January 2, 2018 - Director of Human and Social Services, Terry Giegengack, announced today that applications for Operation Fuel and heating assistance are available in Social Services at the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities, 100 Mona Terrace, Fairfield, CT 06824.

Operation Fuel and the heating assistance programs help households pay for their winter heating bills and are based on income eligibility. “Many Fairfield residents, seniors and families struggle with the high cost of heating their homes, especially in the winter season. The frigid temperatures in recent days make it critical that residents know to call Fairfield Social Services for help,” urged Ms. Giegengack.

Heating assistance awards are made directly to the heating vendor and vary from \$275 to \$600 depending on household financial eligibility. Residents, who are interested in applying, should know that benefits are limited and may not cover the full winter’s fuel bill. Documentation of household income for the last four weeks and current bank account statements are required for the heating assistance program. Annual income eligibility for a single person is \$34,366; for a couple 44,940; family of three \$55,514 and for a family of four \$66,098. Last year this heating energy program provided more than \$70,000 of heating assistance to over 200 Fairfield households for their winter heating bills.

The Operation Fuel Program offers a maximum, one time seasonal grant of \$500 per household. The Operation Fuel Program’s annual income limits for a single person is \$42,958, for a couple: \$56,175, for a family of three: \$69,393 and for a family of four: \$82,611. For more info please see Town of Fairfield Human and Social Services website: [www.fairfieldct.org/humanservices](http://www.fairfieldct.org/humanservices) or call the Bigelow Center for Senior Activities at 203-256-3166 or call directly to Fairfield Social Services at 203-256-3170 for more information or to make an appointment.

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