

### Community Action Partnership Hillsborough and Rockingham Counties P. O. BOX 5040 MANCHESTER, NH 03108- 5040 FUEL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM 2025-2026

This is an **EARLY REGISTRATION** for households that applied for Fuel Assistance last year. Eligibility is usually based on the household income for a 30-day period. Complete the application and send it back to us with accompanying documentation <u>before 4/30/2026</u>.

1. To apply by MAIL please do the following:

- This application should be filled out completely and returned to us immediately through the mail.
- SIGN PAGE 3 OF THE APPLICATION. We cannot process it without your signature.
- List everyone actually living in your home at the time that you fill out the application.
- Report all income for everyone in your household during the <u>same month</u>. Please review the check list on page 3 of the application for what documentation we will require. \*\*New this year-Social Security number documentation or legal non-citizen status is required for all members of the household.
- If you rent and your heat is included, send in the completed Landlord/Housing Verification Form. Your application will be denied for insufficient documentation if you are a renter and we do not have your completed form as this is a mandatory form for all renters with heat included.
- If you are behind on your rent or mortgage, please provide a statement from your landlord or mortgage company showing the amount you are behind.
- If you receive Food Stamps, send us a copy of your most recent award letter with all pages.
- Although the Fuel Assistance Program can only pay for permanently installed electric heat, you may still apply for The Electric Assistance Program for non-heating electricity needs.
- If there is a supplementary benefit this year, it can only go to your primary fuel vendor.
- **Please note:** We will be processing applications this summer before the official opening of the program. You may receive a letter, an email or a phone call asking you for additional information. We cannot process an application until we have all the necessary information and documentation per the program rules. Thank you for your cooperation.
- A secured drop box has been installed at all Resource Centers to make it easier to get documents to us.
- 2. To apply On-Line:
  - Please visit <u>www.caphr.org/programs/energy-programs/low-income-home-energy</u> and print out the Program Year 26 Fuel Assistance application and return to CAPHR via mail, in person or the drop box located at each Resource Center.

#### PLEASE READ!

The level of federal funding for next winter's Fuel Assistance Program (FAP) may not be known for several months. You <u>will not</u> receive written notification of your eligibility until NH has received notification of available funds. You <u>WILL</u> receive written notification if your application is incomplete or your household has been denied for any reason. Please complete and submit your FAP application for the 2025-2026 heating season as soon as possible. COMPLETE applications that meet all FAP requirements will be certified as eligible. We cannot pay any bills until the program officially opens generally on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

# Resource Centers that are open from 8:30 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

| 130 Silver Street in Manchester       | 603-647–4470 | or | 1-800-322-1073 |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|----|----------------|
| 134 Allds Street in Nashua            | 603-889–3440 | or | 1-877-211-0723 |
| 9 Vose Farm Rd in Peterborough        | 603-924–2243 | or | 1-877-757-7048 |
| 9 Crystal Avenue in Derry             | 603-965–3029 | or | 1-855-295-4105 |
| 55 Prescott Road in Raymond           | 603-895–2303 | or | 1-800-974-2303 |
| 146 Lafayette Road in Seabrook        | 603-474–3507 | or | 1-800-979-3507 |
| 4 Cutts Street Suite 1A in Portsmouth | 603-436-3896 | or | 1-800-639-3896 |
| 85 Stiles Rd, Suite 103 in Salem      | 603-458-6392 | or | 1-800-939-9172 |

COMMISSIONER Jared Chicoine

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER Christopher J. Ellms, Jr.





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Tel. (603) 271-3670

FAX No. 271-1526

Website: www.energy.nh.gov

## Important Program Changes – Please Read

Greetings,

Thank you for being part of the Fuel Assistance Program. The Fuel and Electric Assistance programs are transitioning to a new software system statewide. This will help us serve you better in the long run but may affect applications temporarily.

During this transition you will encounter two changes:

1. You must provide proof of Social Security numbers for <u>every</u> person this year. Even if you've previously submitted a copy of Social Security cards, tax returns, or other legal documents, you need to submit this for all household members. This will only need to be provided once; once it is saved in our new system, you won't need to resubmit.

If someone in the household is an infant or a legal non-citizen without SSN documentation, please let us know when you apply so we can assist you.

#### 2. Staff will experience a delay before beginning to process applications.

You may experience temporary delays as staff work to learn a new system. We encourage you to submit your application as early as possible and ask for your patience and kindness. We know that timely assistance is critical, so we are working hard to minimize delays and support applicants as quickly and carefully as possible.

We kindly ask for your patience and understanding as we all adjust together. The dedicated staff are here to help you and are working under new systems. We deeply appreciate your cooperation to help us serve all applicants as quickly as possible.

Thank you,

Leah Richards

Leah Richards NH Fuel Assistance Program Administrator



# Fuel and Electric Assistance Program Application



Applications for Fuel Assistance accepted until 4/30/26. Electric Assistance applications accepted year-round.

| Please return your application to CAPHR at P.O. Box 5040, Manchester NH 03108-5040. If you have any |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| questions call us at (603) 668-8010 or (800) 322-1073   |  |  |  |  |
|   |  |  |  |  |

| Applicant Name   | Total Number of Household Members  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Street Address   | City   | _ Zip Code                                   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mailing Address  | City   | Zip Code                                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Email Address  | Phone Number(s)  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Preferred Language   |  | Office Use Only                              |  |  |  |  |  |
| Would you be interested in Weatherization Assistance   | <b>:e?</b> □ Yes □ No  | Received Date Stamp                          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Housing  | L  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | bile Home 🛛 Room                             |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Lot rent or HOA/Condo Fee Monthly Amount \$  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | f Rooms in Home: Bedrooms Bathrooms Kitchen Dining Rm Living Rm Total Rooms<br>Do not include closets/pantries, hallways, unheated attics/basements/porches, etc                     |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Check if either is true  | red) □ My rent is subsidiz   | zed - I pay \$/mo                            |  |  |  |  |  |
| Renters – check all that apply   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electric Provider  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Electric Company Account Number  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Customer Name on Electric Bill   | lame on Electric Bill  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Heat/Fuel/Wood Provider  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | tric Heat<br>Do not include<br>space heaters |  |  |  |  |  |
| Secondary Heat? 🗆 None 🗆 Oil 🗆 Kero 🗆 Propane  | e □ Wood/Pellets □ Nat Gas   | Electric Heat                                |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | rpe       Single Family       Duplex       Multi (3+) family apt       Condo       Mobile Home       Room         I Own or       Rent       Monthly Rent or Mortgage Amount       \$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| How much fuel do you have currently? (i.e. 2/3 tank of oil, 70% tank propane, 3 cords wood, etc) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Do you have a disconnect notice for your electric or gas   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If heat is included with rent, are you facing eviction?  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| If yes to either of these two questions, please share date                                       | of disconnect/eviction   | and copy of notice.                          |  |  |  |  |  |

#### Please complete information below about all household members, including yourself, in prior month.

| More than 4 people?<br>Use a second sheet.  | Household Member 1<br>Applicant   | Household Member 2  | Household Member 3  | Household Member 4  |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| First + Last Name   |   |   |   |   |
| Social Security #   |   |   |   |   |
| Date of Birth   |   |   |   |   |
| Sex<br>Circle one per person  | Male Female<br>Prefer Not to Answer   |
| <b>Race</b><br>Check one per person   | <ul> <li>Amer Indian/Alaskan</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Black/African American</li> <li>Native Hawaii/Pacific</li> <li>White</li> <li>Multi-race (2+ of above)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Amer Indian/Alaskan</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Black/African American</li> <li>Native Hawaii/Pacific</li> <li>White</li> <li>Multi-race (2+ of above)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Amer Indian/Alaskan</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Black/African American</li> <li>Native Hawaii/Pacific</li> <li>White</li> <li>Multi-race (2+ of above)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Amer Indian/Alaskan</li> <li>Asian</li> <li>Black/African American</li> <li>Native Hawaii/Pacific</li> <li>White</li> <li>Multi-race (2+ of above)</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> |
| Ethnicity<br>Check one per person   | <ul> <li>Hispanic, Latino, or</li> <li>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Non-Hispanic, Latino or</li> <li>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>Hispanic, Latino or</li> <li>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Non-Hispanic, Latino or</li> <li>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Hispanic, Latino or</li> <li>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Non-Hispanic, Latino or</li> <li>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>Hispanic, Latino or<br/>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Non-Hispanic, Latino or<br/>Spanish Origins</li> <li>Unknown</li> </ul>   |
| Full Time Student?  | If yes, what grade?   |
| United States Citizen?  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Legally Disabled?   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Health Insurance?   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
|   |   | ers receive any of the follow   |   |   |
|   |   | will be required, please se   |   |   |
| Employed?<br>If yes, pay frequency?   | Y N<br>Weekly Biweekly Monthly  |
| Self-Employed?<br>(incl farm, rent, side jobs)  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Receiving Social<br>Security/SSI/SSDI?  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Recently Unemployed?<br>(within last 60 days)   | Y N<br>If yes, last day worked  |
| Receiving<br>Unemployment?<br>Receiving SNAP?   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| (food stamps)   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Receiving any type DHHS<br>Cash Assistance?<br>e.g. FANF, TANF, APTD, FAP, etc.             | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Earning pension, annuity, interest or dividends?  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| IRA/401K Withdrawal<br>within last 365 days?  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Receiving Alimony?  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Receiving Child Support?  | Y N<br>If yes, amount is<br>\$ per  |
| Paying Child Support?   | Y N<br>If yes, amount is<br>\$ per  |
| Worker's Comp, Short/Long<br>Term Disability via employer?                                  | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Receiving VA Cash Benefits?   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   | Y N   |
| Receiving other income or<br>\$\$ support not listed above?<br>Help from family or friends? |   |   |   |   |

**CHECKLIST:** In addition to the completed, signed application, please submit copies of the following:

- □ A recent, complete electric bill
- A recent account statement, fuel delivery slip or utility bill for primary heat source (for Fuel Assistance)
- □ Proof of SSN for all household members (e.g. copy of SS card, tax form) or legal non-citizen status
  - \*NEW\* Proof of SSN or legal status is mandatory for Fuel Assistance for all people listed on application
- □ Households with heat included in rent must submit a completed Landlord/Housing Verification form
- □ Proof of GROSS income for all household members in the month prior to the date you sign application:
  - If employed, provide paystubs for prior 5 weeks or have your employer complete an Employer Verification Form
  - If self-employed, provide most recent tax return include complete signed 1040 with all schedules & attachments
  - If receiving Social Security, SSI or SSDI, provide Social Security award letter for current year
  - If receiving DHHS Assistance, provide complete copy of most recent decision letter
  - If receiving pension or VA cash benefits, provide proof of total gross amount received in prior month
  - For any retirement withdrawals in past 365 days, provide proof of total gross amount withdrawn in past year
  - For any annuities, interest, or dividends, provide most recent tax return or 1099
  - If receiving unemployment, disability, or worker's comp, provide proof of gross amount for past month
  - If receiving alimony, provide proof of gross amount for past month
  - If paying child support, provide proof of gross amount paid in past month
  - If household has no income, please contact us to request and complete a No or Low Income form
  - Additional documentation may be requested by program staff
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**Release and Conditions**: By signing this application, I acknowledge that I have read and understand all the terms and conditions outlined in the program requirements and agree to comply with all rules and regulations set forth by the program administrators. I authorize the verification of all information provided and consent to the collection, storage, and processing of my personal data for the purpose of program evaluation and reporting.

I hereby attest under penalty of perjury that all information provided in this application for the program is true, accurate, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I knowingly give inaccurate or incomplete information pertaining to my eligibility for the program(s), I am breaking the law and can be prosecuted; conviction may result in imprisonment and/or fine. Furthermore, I may be subject to administrative penalties which may include denial of eligibility and/or repayment of the assistance I received.

I understand that this application is only a request for assistance and assistance is based on the availability of funds. No assistance can be provided until the application is completed and approved. I understand that the Electric Assistance Program benefit is provided to assist our household in making full and timely payments on my electric bill. NH's Fuel, Electric, and Weatherization Assistance Programs prohibit discrimination based on race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, familial status and physical or mental disability.