

Emergency HEAP Benefit

The 2018-2019 Emergency benefit opens January 2, 2019.

If you are eligible, the Emergency HEAP Benefit can help you heat your home if you are in a heat or heat related emergency. Emergency HEAP benefits and eligibility are based on:

- income,
- available resources, and
- the type of emergency.

**** If you have an emergency, you must contact your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) for assistance. Assistance cannot be provided through this website.**

You may be eligible for an emergency HEAP benefit if:

- Your electricity is necessary for your heating system or thermostat to work and is either shut-off or scheduled to be shut off or
- Your electric or natural gas heat is off or scheduled to be shut-off or
- You are out of fuel, or you have less than one quarter tank of fuel oil, kerosene or propane or have less than a ten (10) day supply of wood, wood pellets, corn, or other deliverable heat source.

And

- Your income is at or below the current income guidelines as posted in the table below or you receive Family Assistance, Safety Net Assistance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP) or Code A Supplemental Security Income.
- The heating and/or electric bill is in your name and
- Your household's available resources are:
 - less than \$2,000 if no member of your household is age 60 or older; or
 - less than \$3,000 if any member of your household is age 60 or older.

Emergency Heat and Heat-related HEAP Benefit Amounts for 2018-2019

Type of Emergency	Amount
Heat Related Domestic (electric service required to operate heating equipment)	\$140
Natural Gas Heat Only	\$350
Natural Gas Combined with Heat Related Domestic	\$490
Electric Heat Combined with Heat Related Domestic	\$490
Non-utility heating fuel (oil, kerosene, and propane)	\$675
Non-utility heating fuel (wood, pellets, coal, corn, etc.)	\$525

2018-2019 HEAP Monthly Income Limits

Your total household gross monthly income for your household size must be at or below the following guidelines:

2018-2019 HEAP Benefit Gross Monthly Income Guidelines	
Household Size	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	\$2,391
2	\$3,127
3	\$3,863
4	\$4,598
5	\$5,334
6	\$6,070
7	\$6,208
8	\$6,346
9	\$6,483
10	\$6,621
11	\$6,918
Each additional	Add \$540

Questions regarding the HEAP program should be directed to your [HEAP Local District Contact](#) or the OTDA Hotline at 1-800-342-3009.