



United Way of Long Island

Deer Park, NY 11729

2010-2011

## PROJECT WARMTH GUIDELINES

### Program Description

Project Warmth is a United Way of Long Island **emergency** assistance program to help families and individuals with energy emergencies. It provides one-time assistance up to \$400 for fuel and/or \$100 for fuel related electricity. The program period scheduled to open on or about December 1st and is available until funds are exhausted. A customer may use a Project Warmth heating grant to pay for any fuel source: oil, gas or electric, propane, kerosene, coal, wood and an electric bill if electricity is needed to operate the heating source.

### Basic Eligibility Requirements

Among the eligibility guidelines applicants must meet are:

- Residency in Nassau County, Suffolk County or the Rockaway area in Queens (LIPA service area).
- Show a heating and/or fuel-related electric bill in applicant's name and address that is in termination, pending disconnect or severely overdue (*for any fuel source*) or be financially unable to secure heating oil/propane/kerosene etc. when the tank is empty/near empty.
- Demonstrate financial hardship and provide an acceptable explanation for arrears.
- Applicant may only receive fuel and/or one fuel related electric assistance once within the program year.
- Applicants eligible for Emergency HEAP **must** apply to HEAP prior to applying to Project Warmth.
  - ❖ Upon receiving a termination notice or running low on fuel immediately apply for Emergency HEAP
  - ❖ An Emergency HEAP approval provides gas/electric customers with a 30-day hold on terminations, allowing for time to apply for Project Warmth and make deferred payment arrangements with the vendor.

### Some Ineligible Conditions

- Project Warmth is for emergencies only not continual assistance. **Clients who received repeated Project Warmth assistance during the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 program are ineligible for assistance.** If a client has extenuating circumstances a determination will be made by agency staff and Project Warmth clearing house.
- Bill not in applicant's name or applicant not in residence at billing address.
- Declining to apply for HEAP assistance when qualified.
- Non-active account or commercial account.
- Non fuel-related electricity accounts (heat included in rent).
- Current bill with no past due amount, or if a HEAP grant satisfies the past due amount.
- SSI recipients who may receive an "SSI guarantee" at the Dept. of Social Service to eliminate the emergency situation.
- Topped oil tank during a prior Project Warmth grant period.

### Application

The agencies that will process applications for the 2010-2011 Project Warmth program will be listed on the United Way website at [www.unitedwayli.org](http://www.unitedwayli.org) when the program is open. **Applications are not sent out or received by mail.** PLEASE NOTE, a referral is not a guarantee of acceptance. The Project Warmth agency staff will determine eligibility based on the documentation provided by the applicant and more detailed application requirements than are listed above.

For Further Information: Contact 2-1-1 or 1-888-774-7633 United Way of Long Island's Information and Referral call center.

#### **HEAP INFORMATION –**

**HEAP Nassau at 516-565-4327**

**HEAP Suffolk at 631-853-8825**

**NOTE: HEAP also has a "regular" benefit to help low income households that pay directly for heat or tenants whose heat is included in rent. Contact HEAP office for eligibility information and application.**

**PROJECT WARMTH  
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**The following organizations will accept Project Warmth applications from the General Public.**

**APPOINTMENTS ARE REQUIRED PLEASE CALL FIRST**

<p>BHEP Alliance 1492 Montauk Hwy. Bellport, NY 11713 631-286-9264</p>	<p>East End Disabilities Associates 107 Roanoke Ave. Riverhead, New York 11901 631-369-7345 x 125</p>	<p>Long Island Council of Churches 1644 Denton Green Hempstead, NY 11550 516-565-0390 Hours: 10:00-12:30 1:30-4:00</p>
<p>Catholic Charities 90 Cherry Lane Hicksville, NY 11801 516-733-7045 Contact: Central Intake&amp;Referral *will assign Parish Outreach</p>	<p>Family &amp; Children's Association 124 Greenwich St. Hempstead, NY 11550 516-483-5323 x 116</p>	<p>Long Island Council of Churches 407 Osborne Ave. Riverhead, NY 11901 631-727-2210</p>
<p>Central Islip Civic Council 68 Wheeler Rd. Central Islip, NY 11722 631-348-0669  <b>CLIENTS FROM CENTRAL ISLIP ONLY</b></p>	<p>Family Service League Manor Field Family Center 90 E. 5<sup>th</sup> St. Huntington Station, NY 11746 631-425-9695</p>	<p>Margert Community Corp. 325B 37<sup>th</sup> St. Far Rockaway, NY 11691 718-471-3724</p>
<p>American Red Cross 90 High Street Huntington 631-924-6700 Wednesday 10-12</p>	<p>Family Service League 208 Roanoke Ave. Riverhead, NY 11901 631-369-0104</p>	<p>The Ministries 3680 Route 112 Coram, NY 11727 631-736-4800 Fridays only</p>
<p>Colonial Youth and Family Services 1235 Montauk Hwy. Mastic Beach, NY 11951 631-281-4461 Begin January 5, 2009</p>	<p>Family Service League 1444 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bay Shore, NY 11706 631-647-3100</p>	<p>PRONTO of Long Island 128 Pine Aire Drive Bay Shore, NY 11706 631-231-8290</p>
<p>Community Action of Southold Town 311 Front St. Greenport, NY 11944 631-477-1717 fax: 631-477-8815</p>	<p>Family Service League 1490 William Floyd Parkway E. Yaphank, NY 11980 631-924-3741 Monday and Tuesday</p>	<p>Society of St. Vincent de Paul 249 Broadway Bethpage, NY 11714 516-822-3132 *will assign conference for intake</p>
<p>EAC 175 Fulton Ave. Ste. 401 Hempstead, NY 11550 516-565-4327 Hours: 9:00-12:30 1:30 – 2:30</p>		<p>South Fork Community Health Initiative 200 Pantigo Road East Hampton, NY 11937 631-329-6340</p>