



Operation Fuel, Inc.

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## OPERATION FUEL, INC. 2009 OFF-SEASON PROGRAM INFORMATION

Operation Fuel is administering a small energy assistance program during the 2009 off-season. The program begins July 1, 2009 and will continue until funds run out. **The maximum grant amount is \$150.** Funds are limited, so **we must prioritize vulnerable households that meet our income and crisis guidelines.** If a person does not meet the guidelines below, s/he is not eligible for the 2009 Off-Season program.

### I. Income Eligibility

Is your household income eligible?

2009 Off-Season Program Income Guidelines			
Households with incomes between zero and 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines (2008)			
Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Income (200% FPG)	Number of Persons in Household	Maximum Income (200% FPG)
1	\$ 20,800	5	\$ 49,600
2	\$ 28,000	6	\$ 56,800
3	\$ 35,200	7	\$ 64,000
4	\$ 42,400	8	\$ 71,200

### II. Prior Assistance from Operation Fuel

- Have you received assistance from Operation Fuel since December 1, 2008?
- If no, you may be considered for a 2009 off-season grant.
- If yes, what was the energy type (oil, gas, electricity, etc.) and purpose of assistance (heat or non-heat)?
- You are eligible to apply for Operation Fuel's 2009 Off-Season program as long as you have not received assistance for the same purpose and energy type since December 1, 2008.

### III. Crisis Situation for Vulnerable Households – Utility Assistance Needed

- Do you have a utility shut-off notice, or has your service been disconnected?  
**\* You must have a shut-off notice or no utility service in order to qualify for the 2009 off-season program.**
- If so, how much money is the utility company requiring you to pay in order to prevent a shut-off or restore service? Will a \$150 grant from Operation Fuel be enough, or will it supplement other funds (your own money or from a 3<sup>rd</sup> party) to meet the required amount?
- Is your household considered "vulnerable"?
  - o Are there children 6 years of age and under, an elder person (65 and up), or a disabled person living in your household?
  - o Is a household member in need of medical equipment that requires electricity?
  - o Is a household member in need of air conditioning for medical purposes?

### IV. Crisis Situation for Vulnerable Households – Deliverable Fuel Assistance Needed

The 2009 Off-Season program is intended primarily for non-heat utility assistance. If you need a deliverable fuel for hot water and your household is considered "vulnerable" (see above) and a member of your household has a medical condition that requires hot water, you may be considered for an off-season grant.

If approved, you must be able to find a deliverable fuel vendor to deliver \$150 worth of oil. If the vendor requires a minimum delivery amount, will you (or a 3<sup>rd</sup> party) be able to pay for the balance of the delivery?

**Please refer to separate list of participating Operation Fuel Energy Banks during the 2009 Off-Season Program.**