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## **HEAP Season Is Here**

Sign Up for Benefits Starting November 1

Liberty, NY – The 2023-2024 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season has kicked off.

"HEAP's Regular component – offering a one-time payment to help buy fuel to heat a home – begins Wednesday, November 1," notes Sullivan County Deputy Social Services Commissioner Giselle Steketee. "But the Heating Equipment Repair & Replacement (HERR) and the Heating Equipment Clean & Tune (C&T) components have already begun. They provide funding to have trained professionals inspect, service and even replace furnaces, boilers, stoves and other heating equipment for the homeowner."

Eligibility and benefits are based on income, household size, the primary heating source, and whether or not the household has a member who is under age 6, over age 60 or permanently disabled. **You may qualify even if you think you won't,** so to apply for a 2023-2024 HEAP grant, go to <u>https://mybenefits.ny.gov/mybenefits/begin</u> (on or after November 1) or call 845-807-0142.

In-person applications will be accepted at Office for the Aging and the Department of Social Services, but please call ahead to confirm.

Applications can also be obtained from the County's community partners (please call first):

- Action Toward Independence, 845-794-4228
- Independent Living, 845-794-3322
- Sullivan County Office for the Aging, 845-807-0241

Income thresholds for 2023-2024 Regular HEAP:

Household Size	Monthly Income Maximum
1	\$3,035
2	\$3,970
3	\$4,904
4	\$5,838
5	\$6,772
6	\$7,706

The Sullivan County HEAP Office can be reached at 845-807-0142 (hit option #2) or heap@sullivanny.us. The fax number is 845-292-4651.



Sullivan County's HEAP Office is staffed by these friendly and helpful employees! From the left are Jaime Vetere, Rosemary Wolff, Dawn Anglin, Mardette Wilcox, Michelle Scanna, Ashley Boyd, and Patty Kranz.