

Heating Assistance -- January 8, 2008

The following services are available to assist individuals with heating fuel:

1. PROP - LiHEAP: Individuals should call 874-1140 to apply. This is an automated voice system with options for applying and checking the status of your application. This year the average amount of assistance per applicant is \$588 with a maximum of \$800. Please see LiHEAP web site for more details:

<http://liheap.ncat.org/profiles/Maine.htm>

2. Citizens Energy Corporation: Individuals that need heating assistance should call 1-877-JOE-4-OIL (1-877-563-4645) or apply online to complete an application www.citizensenergy.com. Applications are also available online and can be printed and mailed in. They have had problems with electronic submissions this year. Qualified individuals will receive a one-time delivery of up to 100 gallons of heating oil.

3. Widow Wood Society: This program provides fuel oil to low income Portland residents. The Society allocates about \$40,000 per year for emergency fuel. Applicants or agencies should call Cora Brown to request assistance. Ms. Brown will process phone applications and determine eligibility. Ms. Brown has been the Society's Agent for more than thirty years and takes phone calls at her home. She can be reached at 772-2443.