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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Community Action Agencies Now Accepting Energy and Heating Assistance Applications

(Middletown) – The Connecticut Community Action Agency (CAA) Network is now accepting energy assistance applications for the 2023-2024 heating season.

Connecticut residents who need assistance paying their utility bills and primary heating costs can apply for energy assistance at their local CAA. Community Action Agencies are the only nonprofit agencies administering the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) in all 169 cities and towns. LIHEAP is a federal program (administered by the Connecticut Department of Social Services) that provides home heating assistance to the state's most vulnerable residents. In Connecticut this program is called the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP).

Each CAA has application intake sites throughout their service regions, including some local town halls. Customers should contact their local CAA at the number below for a complete site listing, to make an application appointment, and confirm required documentation they will need to bring. Homeowners and/or renters may apply, and funds may be used to pay for whatever source of heating residents have in their homes. This includes oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, and wood pellets. CAAs will certify deliveries beginning in November.

For more information on Connecticut's Energy Assistance Program visit: <u>Heating Help-Connecticut's Energy Assistance Programs</u> and to find your local CAA to apply, visit <u>www.cafca.org</u> or call the Connecticut Association for Community Action (CAFCA) at (860) 832-9438. Each CAA's energy department's contact number is below.

Contact:

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<u>Connecticut Community Action Agency Energy Assistance</u> <u>Contact Information</u>

Agency	Area Covered	Energy Assistance #
Access	Windham County	(860) 450-7400
	Tolland County	(860) 412-1600
Alliance for Community Empowerment (formerly ABCD)	Greater Bridgeport	(203) 384-6904
	Greater Norwalk	(203) 838-8110
CAANH	Greater New Haven	(203) 285-8018
CAAWC	Greater Danbury	(203) 748-5422
	Greater Stamford	(203) 357-0720
CRT	Hartford & Middlesex Counties	(860) 560-5800
HRA	Greater New Britain/Bristol	(860) 356-2000
NOI	Greater Waterbury	(203) 756-8151
	Greater Meriden	(203) 235-0278
TEAM	Lower Naugatuck Valley	(203) 736-5420
TVCCA	Southeastern CT	(860) 425-6681