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**Operation Fuel’s Emergency Utility and Energy Assistance Programs
for CT Residents to Open January 27th**

[Hartford, Connecticut] — January 22, 2025 — Operation Fuel, a nonprofit providing emergency assistance to income-eligible CT residents struggling with utility and energy costs, will open its 2025 Winter Energy Assistance program on Monday, January 27, 2025. Emergency support from Operation Fuel helps individuals and families throughout Connecticut stay warm and safe during the coldest months of the year.

“Our energy assistance program is about more than just covering heating costs—it’s about providing a safety-net for our community members struggling during economic hardship, and empowering them towards a secure, sustainable future,” said Perkin Simpson, CEO of Operation Fuel. “We’re here to make sure no one has to face the cold alone.”

In addition to helping residents secure delivered fuel and pay down past due electric and gas bills, Operation Fuel partners with Aquarion Water Company, Connecticut Water Company, and the Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) to help those customers by providing direct bill support. All three programs opened on January 6, 2025, and will remain open until funding expires.

Operation Fuel’s assistance programs are available to low- and moderate-income households, ensuring equitable and secure access to heat, power, and water for as long as funding is available.

How to Apply:

Applications for assistance grants up to \$500 can be submitted online or in person, utilizing a local fuel bank. To see if you qualify for an Operation Fuel grant and for more information on how to apply, please visit www.operationfuel.org/gethelp for more information about eligibility requirements and the application process.

About Operation Fuel: Operation Fuel is a Connecticut nonprofit whose mission is to lead the way so current and future generations can thrive with secure access to heat, power, and water. To help power families, you can visit www.operationfuel.org and donate or text OPFUEL to 44321.