



Operation Fuel, Inc.

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**Connecticut's Statewide Fuel
Fund**

About Operation Fuel

- Oldest fuel fund in the country.
- Government energy assistance, although a vital resource, has never been adequate to address the energy crisis facing our neighbors.
- Operation Fuel has distributed more than \$35,000,000 to over 100,000 families in Connecticut since 1977.

Benefits to Connecticut

- Reduces risk during extreme weather (winter or summer).
- Keeps families from making impossible choices, e.g., between buying food or paying for heat.
- Provides assistance for *any* source of energy – *sole* resource in Connecticut for this kind of assistance.

Benefits of a Statewide Program

- Encourages participation from all stakeholders (advocates, energy providers, community organizations, businesses, faith based organizations, donors, etc).
- Provides an opportunity for all Connecticut communities to be involved – more than 100 fuel banks in local communities.
- Simplifies eligibility requirements, application procedures, outreach efforts, and provides easy access for clients.

Operation Fuel Strategies

- Be Connecticut's voice for low income energy assistance:
 - Produce annual energy affordability gap study and other reports vital to consumers, utilities, and policy makers
 - Lead the effort to institute a statewide discounted utility rate
- Make low income energy assistance a year-round concern
 - Ensure a statewide, public/private response resulting in sufficient funds to assist low income families throughout Connecticut

Impact in Eastern and Southeastern Connecticut

- Working with 11 local fuel banks, we distributed \$497,511 to 1,248 families – 40% of recipients were children under the age of 18, and 9% were seniors
- These 11 fuel banks represent 33 towns in Eastern and Southeastern CT
- Operation Fuel distributes funds where the need is greatest



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