
National Fuel Funds Network

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The National Action for LIHEAP continues to have an impact. NFFN members and LIHEAP supporters have held media events, written letters to members of Congress and visited Congressional offices with the goal of increasing funding for LIHEAP in FY 2011.

Most recently, Entergy Mississippi officials and LIHEAP supporters in the state met with members of the state's Congressional delegation and Governor Haley Barbour, a held press conference, and conducted a series of radio interviews discussing the importance of LIHEAP.

We have links to some of the media coverage from Mississippi on our *Facebook* page.

If you would like to participate in the National Action for LIHEAP it's not too late. Write your Representative and Senator or call their offices and urge them to support increased funding for LIHEAP. Hold a press conference or ask your governor to speak out in support of LIHEAP.

The NFFN's National Action for LIHEAP toolkit contains model letters and press releases and other information you can use if you want to join in the effort. The toolkit can be found at <<http://www.nationalfuelfunds.org/NAL/National%20Action%20for%20LIHEAP%20Toolkit%202010.pdf>>.

National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference

Former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Henry Cisneros will be the opening speaker at the third annual National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference, which opens June 14 at the Hyatt Regency San Antonio on the Riverwalk. Cisneros, who served in President Bill Clinton's cabinet, is currently executive chairman of the CityView companies, which work with homebuilders to create homes priced within the range of average families. CityView is a partner in building 40 communities in 12 states, including more than 7,000 homes.

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www.energyandutilityconference.org/2010%20Conference.html>

· Online registration for the National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference is open. The three-day conference combines the membership of the National Fuel Funds Network and the National Low Income Energy Consortium.

Click on the following link to reach the registration site. <<http://guest.cvent.com/i.aspx?5S%2cM3%2c4b85ab82-9831-48e7-b83d-b4216ccff5fb>>

Fuel Fund Actions

· Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Rell has signed legislation providing \$1 million in funding for Operation Fuel, a state-wide fuel fund that was running out of state funds. Patricia Wrice said “there is tremendous demand right now because people are beginning to receive shutoff notices...” She said Operation Fuel was “extremely grateful” to the Governor and the Legislature for approving the funds. The state had originally provided \$5 million for the program for this year, but due to budget problems only allocated \$750,000.

Public Utility Commission Actions

· The Dollar Energy Fund will receive \$1.7 million following the Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission’s approval of requests from the Peoples Natural Gas Company and Columbia Gas to use funds from a settlement with the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Co. for the fuel fund. The money will be distributed in 2010, 2011, and 2012 to households that are not eligible for LIHEAP grants.

NFFN Facebook Page

· The NFFN’s *Facebook* page continues to grow. The page contains photos from the NFFN news conference in Detroit kicking off the National Action for LIHEAP, links to coverage of National Action for LIHEAP events across the country and to the National Energy and Utility Affordability Conference.