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## Emergency Home Energy Assistance available

**December 19, 2018** – Assistance is available for Flagler County residents experiencing a heating emergency through the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program.

Eligibility is determined by income, and at least one member of the household must be at least 60 years old. Those who qualify may receive one benefit for a maximum of \$600 for the heating season.

“These funds are intended to make payments to utility companies or fuel suppliers, to make repairs to heating equipment or to resolve other heating emergencies,” said Community Services Director Joe Mayer.

A home heating crisis exists when one or more of the following conditions apply: the home heating energy source has been cut off; notification has been received that the energy source will be cut off; delinquent or past due energy notification has been received; delivery of heating fuel is unavailable, out or in danger or running out; or, there has been a problem such as a lack of a usable heating source.

Eligibility processing is by appointment only and requires proper documentation, such as gross income and family size among other factors. To arrange an appointment, call Flagler County Social Services Senior Services Division at 386-586-2324, ext. 3621.

The program is administered through a contractual agreement between the Department of Economic Opportunity and the Department of Elder Affairs. Flagler County Senior Services Division is the local provider, and the assistance is made possible through an agreement of the Flagler County Board of County Commissioners with the Northeast Florida Area Agency on Aging – which does business as Eldersource out of Jacksonville.

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