

Governor M. Jodi Rell today released the details of her \$4 million plan to provide winter heating assistance to senior citizens across Connecticut who are struggling to cope with staggering increases in the price of home heating oil, electricity or natural gas amid continued national economic turmoil.

The plan, which is being submitted to legislative leaders, will provide payments of up to \$500 per household directly to utilities, heating oil dealers or other vendors for heating expenses incurred between November 1, 2008, and May 15, 2009. Connecticut residents age 65 and older whose income is equal to or less than the state median income are eligible for the assistance.

For more information please visit

<http://www.ct.gov/governorrell/cwp/view.asp?A=3293&q=424910> .