

UTILITY ASSISTANCE



SHUT-OFF PREVENTION

Your electricity and gas cannot be shut off if:

- All residents of your home are 65 or older
- You are experiencing financial hardship and someone in your home is seriously ill
- You are experiencing financial hardship and there is an infant under 12 months in the home
- You are experiencing financial hardship, it is between Nov 15-March 15, and you use the utility for heat

If you meet one of these requirements, ask your doctor, community health worker, or resource connector for a **letter of protection**. This letter will prevent shutoff for 90 days.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities has limited funding available for emergency fuel assistance and clients with utility shut-off notice.

- Contact the office nearest you and ask to speak with a basic needs care manager:
 - Dorchester: 617 505 6628
 - South Boston: 617 464 8591
 - Somerville: 617 625 1920

ABCD

ABCD provides up to **\$1,140 of fuel assistance** between Nov 1-April 30 to families who meet the income requirements:

- Call to make an appointment: (617) 357-6012
- Bring the following documents to your fuel assistance application appointment:
 - Proof of income (everyone 18+)
 - Social security number (everyone 18+)
 - Identification for person who is applying
 - Lease, rent receipt, or mortgage statement
 - Most recent heating bill

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES: 2019-2020 FUEL ASSISTANCE

Household size	Total gross yearly income
1	\$37,360
2	\$48,855
3	\$60,351
4	\$71,846
5	\$83,341
6	\$94,837
7	\$96,992
8	\$99,147
Over 8	See ABCD Fuel Assistance staff