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# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ): Energy Relief Program**

## **What is the Energy Relief Grant program?**

- The Energy Relief Grant is a pilot program approved by the APICDA Board in September 2026 to assist local households with residential energy costs.
- The program provides direct fuel credits to help offset high heating expenses across member communities.
- The program is funded through APICDA's "Funded by Fisheries" economic development and community sustainability initiatives.

## **Which communities are included in the program?**

- The program serves six qualifying APICDA CDQ member communities: Akutan, Atka, False Pass, Nelson Lagoon, Nikolski, and St. George.

## **Who qualifies for energy relief fuel credits?**

- Eligible recipients must be occupied residential households located within a qualifying CDQ community with an active local fuel account.
- Multi-family households are eligible for one fuel credit certificate per household.

## **Are any households excluded from receiving direct credits?**

- Unoccupied or abandoned residences are ineligible for grant funding.
- Employer-provided housing where utilities are paid or subsidized under an employment agreement (such as housing for VPSOs, teachers, or healthcare workers) is excluded from direct household credit distribution.

## **How are subsidized housing situations handled?**

- For low-income housing arrangements, disbursements may be issued directly to the landlord to be credited toward the eligible participant's utility account.

## **Do residents need to fill out an application?**

- No formal application process is required for eligible households.

### **How are household lists verified?**

- Participating fuel vendors supply APICDA with active household account lists and primary account holder names for verification prior to fund disbursement.
- APICDA automatically compiles and cross-verifies household records using data from existing grant programs, utility account rosters, and Community Liaison Officers (CLOs).

### **What is the benefit amount per household?**

- Program terms authorize 200 gallons of residential heating fuel per household.

### **How do households redeem their credit?**

- APICDA pays the local fuel provider directly, and credit is placed on the household's account.
- As heating fuel is purchased, the credit balance automatically decreases until fully used.
- Grant funds are not disbursed as cash to individuals.

### **What happens if fuel prices increase during the season?**

- If fuel rates increase before or during delivery, the fuel vendor submits a Final Settlement (true-up) request to APICDA.
- APICDA covers the verified cost variance, so households receive their full gallon allocation without out-of-pocket fees.

### **What can the credit be used for?**

- Grant credits are strictly limited to purchasing new fuel through the local community fuel provider or housing provider.

### **What expenses are prohibited?**

- Credits cannot be applied to existing debt, back-due account balances, late fees, or interest.
- Credits hold no cash value, cannot be refunded to individuals, and are non-transferable between accounts or households.

### **When will the credits become available?**

- Credits will be disbursed in December 2026.

### **Who should residents contact for assistance?**

- For balance inquiries or account verification questions, residents can contact their local Community Liaison Officer (CLO) or APICDA Program Staff.
- Inquiries can be emailed to [programs@apicda.com](mailto:programs@apicda.com) or directed to APICDA at (907) 929-5273.