



Social Services MARCH 2023

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RENTER'S REBATE PROGRAM STARTS APRIL 1ST

State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled, and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. This is not an entitlement program.

Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. The renters' rebate amount is based on a graduated income scale and the amount of rent and utility payments (excluding telephone) made in the calendar year prior to the year in which the renter applies.

To be eligible:

- a recipient or spouse must be 65 years of age or older, or
- a recipient must be 50 years of age or older and the surviving spouse of a renter who at the time of renter's death had qualified and was entitled to tax relief provided such spouse was living with the renter at the time of the renter's death, or
- a recipient must be 18 years of age or older and eligible to receive Social Security Disability benefits.
- The renter must further meet a one-year state residency requirement.

Grants are based upon income requirements shown in Connecticut General Statute Section 12-170e.

Windsor Social Services are completing Renters' Rebate applications by telephone appointment. All supporting documents are required prior to making application. Visit our website and link to the Renters Rebate information to view documents needed and further instruction or call the Social Services office. Upon receipt of required documents a caseworker will call you by phone to make application.

ATTENTION FITCH COURT, MILLBROOK VILLAGE & SHAD RUN RESIDENTS

Your renter's rebate applications will now be processed by the Social Services Department. You will receive an informational letter and checklist later this month. For your convenience, a drop box will be placed in each of the housing community rooms for your use in delivering your required documents to us. Social Services staff will be present at the Windsor Housing Authority Residence meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 1PM to answer any questions you may have.

VITA - VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. The VITA program has operated for over 50 years.

VITA sites offer free tax help to people who need assistance in preparing their own tax returns, including: People who generally make \$60,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers.

The Windsor Public Library will have VITA on site for appointments on Monday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00 pm Monday, February 6 through Monday, April 17 (excluding Monday, February 20 which is President's Day).

Appointments are required. Appointments will be at 5:00 PM, 6:00 PM, and 7:00 PM. Based on the VITA volunteers we have, we will have 5 appointments per hour.

To schedule, you can click on the links below or call the Reference Desk at 860-285-1918 who can help you make an appointment.

If you have more questions about VITA in Windsor, please reach out to Danielle Tapper at tapper@townofwindsorct.com or 860-285-1925.



GROCERIES TO GO
March 3rd & 17th
10:30 AM—11:30 AM
at THE WINDSOR FOOD BANK

MOBILE FOODSHARE
March 8th & 22nd
1:30 PM -2:00 PM
Hopewell Baptist Church, 280 Windsor Ave.

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MONTHLY GROUPS:

WINDSOR C.A.R.E.S.

This is a group of adults who are committed to volunteerism. The group takes on community service projects for people of all ages. Call Deb Sheldon for meeting information at 860-285-1839.

WINDSOR HUNGER ACTION TEAM

Join The Conversation

This group meets monthly to discuss food insecurity in our local community and solutions to help those in need. The next meeting will be held in person and via zoom on **Wednesday, March 1st at 9:00 am**. Contact Susan Nunes for meeting information at 860-285-1839 and to be added to our new HAT email distribution list. **AND**

The Windsor Hunger Action Team has a Facebook page! **Stay Connected:** Like and Follow on Facebook for updates and resources throughout the month, <https://www.facebook.com/WindsorHAT/>.

WINDSOR FOOD BANK IS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO DO GROCERY STORE PICKUPS AND FOOD DELIVERIES

The Windsor Food Bank is in need of volunteers to do **HEAVIER** food pickups —possibly up to 50 pounds a box and lesser weight home deliveries. These pickup/deliveries are on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday and Thursday afternoons .

If you are interested and available to help with this volunteer request, please contact Susan Nunes at 860-285-1839.

BAD WEATHER ALERT:

If the Windsor Food Bank or Groceries to Go closes due to bad weather, a robo call will be made to all food program clients.

If Windsor schools are closed, then Mobile Foodshare is cancelled. Watch for closings on Channel 3 and Channel 30 news.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

If you're in need of utility (electric, gas and water) assistance, please call Eliana Medina-James at 860-285-1839 to discuss programs and qualifications.

Community Renewal Team (CRT) is taking appointments for the 2022-2023 energy season. Call **(860) 560-2694** to schedule an appointment. To download their online application visit: <https://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Economic-Security/Winter-Heating-Assistance/Energy-Assistance---Winter-Heating/How-To-Apply> .

OPERATION FUEL UPDATE

Due to the significant increase in requests for energy assistance, Operation Fuel are making the following changes to their program.

1. They are reducing the max grant amount from \$1,000 to \$500 (deliverable fuel & utilities), effective Feb 17.
2. Suspending application intakes (beginning Monday March 6 and re-opening on Monday April 3rd) this will include both self-intake and fuel bank submissions, this will allow the staff at Operation Fuel to get caught up with applications that are pending.
3. Beginning on Monday Feb 27, they will only be available to answer any phone calls every Monday and Tuesday between 8:00am and 12:00pm.

NEW EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LISTS

Social Services has created and is managing several new email distribution lists:

***Social Services Information & Events**

***Grandparents Raising Grandchildren or Kin**

If you are interested in receiving emails with information and events relating to the above programs, please call Windsor Social Services at 860-285-1839 to sign up on the email list of your interest.

FOOD BANK HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Wednesday & Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 PM
4th Thursday of ea. Month 5-6:45PM

Meet the Social Services Staff

Enita Jubrey, Social Services Director

Jasmine Hall, Dept. Coordinator
Maggie Goodman, Caseworker &
Municipal Veteran's Svc. Contact
Susan Nunes, Administrative Aide

Andy Price, Caseworker
Deb Sheldon, Caseworker
Eliana Medina-James, Caseworker
Ted Hughes, Food Bank

