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Governor Doyle and the Wisconsin Legislature have approved \$6 million in expanded Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance (WHEAP) funding for the 2005-2006 heating season.

The Governor's Energy Assistance Program (GEAP) is designed to provide heating assistance benefits to households whose income is between 150 and 175% of the 2005 Federal Poverty Limits, and therefore not eligible for a traditional WHEAP payment. For example, a family of two whose monthly income is between \$1603.75 and \$1871.04 may qualify for these benefits, but would not qualify for a regular WHEAP payment.

The benefit amount for eligible GEAP households will be approximately \$200. Applications may be completed through May 15, 2006, but no payments will be made until early June.

Households who have received a WHEAP benefit during this heating season are not eligible for GEAP. GEAP applicants must provide verification of the social security numbers for all household members, proof of all earned and unearned income received by household members for the three months immediately preceding the month of application and documentation of heating costs for September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005.

Contact Bayfield County Department of Human Services at 373-6144, X 149 to schedule an appointment.