

I. GPCT's Water Programs begin in January, until funds are exhausted.
Through September 30, 2026:

Company	Grants Approved	Funding Committed	Discount Rate Provided (# Households)
Aquarion	422	\$33,850	346 (LIRAP)
CT Water Co.	376	\$184,000	372 (WRAP)
MDC	265	\$100,042.23	N/A

Our assistance budget from MDC ran out in early August. For the rest of the year, we will process applications on a case-by-case basis with “add-a-dollar” funds MDC collects from contributing customers. (GPCT does not have insight into this budget.) We are working with MDC and the Independent Customer Advocate to discuss next year’s budget, and potential program changes.

II. Fiscal Year 2026-27 Emergency Energy Assistance Program (EEAP)
 Opened with Cycle 1, from 9/1-9/15/2026. Cycle 2 is scheduled for 12/1-12/15/2026; and Cycle 3 from 3/1-3/15/2027. More information at www.gpct.org/gethelp.

III. FY 2027 Cycle 1, Emergency Energy Assistance Program (EEAP)*:

ENERGY TYPE	TOTAL RECEIVED	TOTAL REVIEWED (as of 9/30/26)	TOTAL APPROVED (as of 9/30/26)	Total AWARDED (as of 9/30/26)
Electric	995	240	116	\$55,869.21
Gas	205	60	24	\$11,455.41
Oil	994	574	493	\$245,225.78
Propane	44	18	18	\$7,136.96
Kerosene	11	7	6	\$3,000.00
Pellets	9	4	2	\$1,000.00
TOTAL	2258	903 (40%)	659 (73% of reviewed)	\$323,687.36

*Preliminary Data; program review will be complete by 11/13/26.

Total awards may change as final invoices are confirmed. Utility applications have more requirements and take longer to review than delivered fuel.

72% of approved EEAP clients applied independently; 28% through an Application Support Center.

This cycle, we expect to award up to \$920,000 and serve approximately 1,840 households.

IV. Policy & Advocacy Updates: *CT is approaching a home heating oil crisis.* The price of home heating oil in Connecticut has been above \$5/gallon since March 2026; GPCT's maximum grant no longer covers a minimum 100-gallon oil delivery. The National Energy Assistance Directors Association (NEADA) recently [updated their projections](#) from a 31% increase over last year, to a 50% increase. At GPCT this September, 81% of oil applicants reported being nearly or entirely out of fuel.

GPCT is addressing this challenge on all fronts:

- For the time being, most of our vendors are continuing our partnership, and working to help clients get their maximum benefit.
- We are working with our state agency partners to review our program guidelines to better accommodate the high prices.
- We are advocating for a special legislative session (as in years past), as soon as possible after the election. Purpose would be to allocate additional state resources for energy assistance and potentially other issues. Without a near-term influx of resources, GPCT will either have to maintain our current grant amounts, knowing customers who can't afford to pay the difference, will go without; or, increase our grants, and reduce the number of households we can serve.
- We are in regular contact with our federal delegation, including Reps. DeLauro & Courtney, and Sens. Blumenthal & Murphy, who are pushing for additional LIHEAP funds.

Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA):

- We are currently engaged in the Energy Affordability Annual Review docket (26-05-01).
 - We submitted comments on [June 4](#) regarding heat wave protections; and on [July 22, 2026](#), analyzing payment plan affordability for households earning 30% SMI.
 - We participated in the August 6 technical meeting.
 - Proposed final decision was tentatively expected on September 30, but has not yet been posted.
- GPCT is also contributing to the Stakeholder Compensation Program docket (26-09-34), which engages Applied Economics Clinic consultants to examine the program and report recommendations to PURA for the legislature.

V. 2nd Annual Power and Purpose Luncheon: October 30, 2026

Power and Purpose, a GPCT Energy Address, is GPCT's annual fundraiser luncheon. Please join us at the Hartford Marriott, 200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford, from 12-1:30 PM. More information on tickets, sponsorship, tables, entertainment, and networking at <https://gpct.org/power-and-purpose/>.