Dear Energy Assistance Recipient:

The New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) has Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) funding available to help eligible households pay past-due arrears for natural gas and/or electric utility accounts. Payments are made directly to an eligible household’s utility company.

Households may apply for HEAP Regular Arrears Supplement (RAS) benefits through the XX County Department of Social Services. Benefits are provided to eligible applicants on a first come first served basis through September 30, 2022 or until funds are no longer available. We strongly encourage you to contact the XX County HEAP Department at (XXX) XXX-XXXX or [address] as quickly as possible to apply.

For additional information about HEAP, please visit OTDA’s website at: [http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/.](http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/)