



HRA and City Elected Officials Announce Start of 2011-2012 Home Energy Assistance Program Season

On Wednesday, November 16 the 2011-2012 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) season begins, and HRA has been working with City and State elected officials to ensure that New Yorkers who qualify know about this very helpful benefit. The HEAP program provides help with heating and energy bills through the winter months, so New Yorkers in need can more easily afford to stay warm.

HRA is working with State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky and State Assemblywoman Grace Meng to make it easier for Queens residents to apply for HEAP. Once a week, a constituent liaison from HRA will be on hand at Senator Stavisky and Assemblywoman Meng's offices to help qualified New Yorkers with their HEAP applications.



HRA HEAP Director Sandra Sanchez with City Councilman Dan Halloran and State Assemblyman Rory Lancman

On Monday, November 14, HRA HEAP Director Sandra Sanchez joined State Assemblyman Rory Lancman and City Councilman Dan Halloran for an outreach event describing the HEAP program at the Korean Community Services Flushing Senior Center. Ms. Sanchez joined Assemblyman Lancman and Councilman Halloran in describing the program's benefits and answering questions from community members.

Besides providing help with heating and energy bills from many types of heating sources, HEAP can also help replace damaged furnaces, boilers and heating units, and can provide emergency assistance if you are in danger of losing your heat. The HEAP application can be downloaded and printed from [ACCESS NYC](#), and the list of required documents can be found [here](#).

"We are proud to be working with City and State officials to ensure the HEAP program gets help to those who need it most," said Ms. Sanchez. "HEAP can help you stay warm and safe through the winter months, and help you make ends meet."