### Backgrounder Home Energy Savings Program (HESP) - Oil Heat

# What is the Home Energy Savings Program (HESP)?

HESP is designed to assist households in making energy efficient retrofits to their homes. The program assists clients with retrofits that will make their homes more affordable and reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.

#### What assistance is available under HESP?

Newfoundland and Labrador Housing Corporation (NLHC) will provide a pre and post-energy evaluation.

For owners of single, row and semi-detached housing, assistance is available in the form of a grant up to \$5,000.

Condo owners are not eligible for HESP assistance.

# What repairs or renovations qualify under this program?

All repairs will be identified through an energy evaluation, which will determine the best possible solutions for energy efficiency. A post -energy evaluation will also be required to confirm that identified work was completed. Examples of some repairs that will create energy efficiency are: basement and attic insulation, and draft-proofing.

#### Who is eligible?

Homeowners with incomes of \$52,500 or less per year. You must use at least 1,000 liters of oil annually. Please provide proof of your annual consumption. This can be obtained from your oil supplier.

Proof of home-ownership must be provided with the application to the satisfaction of NLHC. Homeowner(s) must provide consent to allow NLHC to receive income information from Canada Revenue Agency. Incomplete applications will be returned. If you meet our eligibility requirements, and you previously received Residential Energy Efficiency Program (REEP) assistance, you are still eligible to apply for HESP. This assistance for oil heated homes is made possible under the Low Carbon Economy Leadership Fund.

If you have already received HESP assistance you are not eligible to apply.

Annually, NLHC will be able to assist approximately 200 clients.

### How are eligible homeowners selected for the program?

Applicants will be served on a "first-come, firstserved" basis. Applications can be dropped off at any NLHC office, and will be date stamped when received, or if mailed the postmark date will be used.

#### **Additional Information**

Additional information is available online at <u>www.nlhc.nl.ca</u> or at the regional NLHC office nearest you. Inquiries can be made directly to:

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