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Van Roy Announces \$26.2 Million in Additional Federal Heating Assistance

MADISON - Rep. Karl Van Roy (R-Howard) is pleased to announce that Wisconsin will receive an extra \$26.2 million in federal heating assistance this winter. The funds come in addition to the \$99.8 million Wisconsin has already received from the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). Van Roy says the money will be used by the state's Division of Energy to distribute assistance to households that are having trouble paying their energy bills this winter.

"Heating costs have risen by as much as 50 percent, and utilities say there has been an almost 10 percent increase in the number of people who can't pay their bills," said Van Roy. "Federal assistance has not kept up with prices, and many hard-working Wisconsin families are having a tough time affording ever-increasing heating costs."

In addition to federal funding, the legislature allocated \$6 million in extra emergency home heating assistance this past month, extending more relief to thousands of families in Wisconsin who did not qualify for federal help. That additional funding will provide eligible families with \$200 to \$300 to help pay their heating bills.

"I'm glad Congress has seen fit to try to keep LIHEAP funding in step with the actual cost of home heating," said Van Roy. "Folks in Green Bay can use a little extra help with keeping warm this winter."

Interested individuals may apply for assistance at: <http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/>.

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