

HOME ENERGY, HOUSING & EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

ST. LAWRENCE COUNTY - SERVICES DIRECTORY 2008

HOME ENERGY

Community Development Program – St. Lawrence County

Address: 1 Commerce Lane, Canton, New York 13617

Phone: 315-386-1102

Contact: Jerry Snell **Email:** jsnell969@yahoo.com

Service Area: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided:

Weatherization Program

Provides energy related repairs for HEAP eligible homeowners, if the home is a mobile home you must have legal life lease. This program has a very long waiting list.

Emergency Furnace Repair and Replacement

Referrals through Department of Social Services (DSS)

Community Energy Services (CES)

Address: 101 Main St-Suite 2, Canton, New York 13617

Phone: 315-379-9466

Website: www.communityenergyservices.org

Contact: Ann Heidenreich **Email:** ces@ncenergy.org,

Service Area: St. Lawrence County

Services:

CES provides educational, informational and technical services to promote energy efficiency and renewable energy systems in the North Country. CES is also an approved provider for the following NYSERDA programs:

Assisted Home Performance

Reduce energy costs of low- and moderate-income households by providing affordable energy efficiency improvements. The program will cover up to 50% of the costs associated with the energy-efficiency improvements, up to a maximum of \$5,000 per household or \$10,000 for a 2 - 4 family building.

Multifamily Performance Partner

Provides technical and financial assistance to address specific energy needs for residential buildings with five or more units, where 25% or more of residents have incomes 80% of state median or below.

Energy Smart Communities

Targets regional energy needs by building networks of organizations and agencies that contribute to urban and rural projects, demonstrating how energy efficiency and diversifying energy resources can create economic, environmental, and social benefits.

Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)

Department of Social Services

Address: HEAP Unit, 6 Judson Street, Canton, NY 13617

Phone: 315-379-2303

Contact: Linda Clark,

Area Served: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided: Heating Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) includes heating assistance from November through May. Public assistance programs include emergency utility shut offs, emergency fuel, furnace replacement and furnace repair.

Office for the Aging - St. Lawrence County

Address: 80 SH 310, Suite 7, Canton, New York 13617

Phone: 315-386-4730

Contact: Stacey Kass

Email: skass@co.st-lawrence.ny.us

Area Served: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided:

WRAP Program (Weatherization, Referral and Packaging) program for St. Lawrence County residents age 60 and older who receive HEAP (or are income eligible for HEAP). Home improvements and modifications to better weatherize the home are coordinated with other county home weatherization, repair and/or modification programs. WRAP funding is last resort funding utilized to leverage other agency funding and help complete the “package” of needed weatherization assistance to senior citizens.

EmPower NY Program

Cost-effective energy efficiency measures, particularly lighting and refrigerator replacements. Other cost-effective energy efficiency measures may also qualify. To benefit from this program, a household must be referred by National Grid or Office for the Aging. The energy efficiency services are delivered by local contractors and appliance vendors. This is a NYSERDA-sponsored program funded through the System Benefits Charge.

HOUSING

Community Development Program – St. Lawrence County

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Phone: 315-386-1102

Contact: Jerry Snell

Email: jsnell969@yahoo.com

Service Area: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided:

Restore Program

Provides emergency repairs and assistance for electrical, plumbing, heating, roof repair/replacement, steps, septic, and drilled wells for the elderly ages 60 and older.

Access to Home Program

Assists families in making homes handicap accessible.

North Country Affordable Housing

Address: 120 Washington Street, Watertown, New York 13601

Phone: 1-866-653-8724

Website: www.northcountryaffordablehousing.com

Contact: Barbara Willis

Email: bhwillis@westelcom.com

Area Served: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided: NCAH offers two programs to assist low-income households in St. Lawrence County. One assists with a grant of \$20,000 or more toward the cost of replacing owner-occupied substandard housing, either manufactured or stick built, with a new stick-built home. The other is a \$20,000 grant towards the cost of building a new home, either stick-built or modular. Both programs have a ten-year owner-occupancy requirement; if not met, the homeowner must repay at least a portion of the grant amount.

St. Lawrence County Housing Council, Inc.

Address: 19 Main Street, Canton, New York 13617

Phone: 315-386-8576

Website: www.slchc.org

Area Served: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided: Loans and housing counseling are available to help with rehabilitation and energy efficiency, and to help purchase housing in selected communities. Some loans are deferred payment loans that may not need to be paid back if certain conditions are met. Such loans are also sometimes available to first-time homebuyers in St. Lawrence County who meet income and other eligibility requirements. Deferred payment loans are available to help rehabilitate housing in selected communities.

USDA Rural Economic Development

Contact: Mary Keenan, at 315-386-2401 ext. 4, mary.keenan@usda.gov; or Brian Murray, brian.murray@ny.usda.gov, 1942 Old DeKalb Rd., Canton, New York 13617

Target area: St. Lawrence County

Services: USDA Rural Economic Development offers Section 504 loans and grants to assist very low-income households in rural areas repair their homes. Loan funds may be used to make general repairs and improvements to properties or to remove health and safety hazards, as long the dwelling remains modest in size and design.

(Local Housing Programs)

Association for Neighborhood Rehabilitation (ANR)

Contact – Larry Latimer, anrinc@gisco.net, 110 Ogden Street, Ogdensburg, New York 13669, at 315-393-4610

Target areas: Morristown, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Madrid, Waddington and the City of Ogdensburg

Services: Housing rehabilitation, first time homebuyer program, provides handicap accessible housing for elderly/disabled.

City of Ogdensburg Office of Rehabilitation & Development

Address: City of Ogdensburg, 330 Ford St. Ogdensburg NY 13669

Phone: 315-393-7401

Contact: Mark Jacobs, Housing Coordinator **Email:** mjacobs@ogdensburg.org

Area Served: City of Ogdensburg

Services Provided: Emergency Repair Program that offers low interest loans, deferred loans and grants to income eligible clients within the city limits of Ogdensburg. The program will replace or repair heating systems, water heaters, electrical and roofs in an accelerated process. The city also has an ongoing owner-occupied and rental repair program for non-emergency housing rehabilitation, i.e., siding, insulation, windows and doors, porches, basements, etc. The city also offers a Home Buyer Program complemented by its home repair program. Owner-occupants and tenants must be below HUD Sec.8 income guidelines for low/moderate income households in St. Lawrence County, a household of one is \$29,500 add \$4,000/each additional household member.

Gouverneur Housing Program

Address: 33 Clinton Street, Gouverneur, NY 13642

Phone: 315-287-1720, ext 226 or 228

Contact: Ralph Brungard, Rehabilitation Coord **Email:** communitydevelopment@villageofgouverneur.org

Service area: Gouverneur Village

Services provided: Home Repair Grants for homeowners that meet income eligibility; Rental Rehabilitation Grants for landlords. \$20,000 maximum grant, Village-wide program targeted to low-income, fixed-income and code violations.

Massena Independent Living Center

Address: 156 Center Street, Massena, New York 13662

Phone: 315-764-9442 **Website:** www.milcinc.org

Contact: Jeff Reifensnyder **Email:** mindepli@twcnny.rr.com

Area Served: St. Lawrence County (and Franklin County)

Services Provided: Assists disabled people toward independence. Architectural assessments include site visit to homes and businesses to assess needs; Individual and Systems Advocacy, Benefits Advisement, Peer Consulting, Information and Referral, Independent Living Skills Training, Home Health Program, and other services.

Massena Rehabilitation

Contact: Dale Beaulieu, Coordinator and Avis Hazelton, Secretary, at 315-769-6803, 460 Main Street, Room 8, Massena, New York 13662

Target area: Must live within the village limits

Services: Small Cities Program includes loans and deferred loans for home repair for targeted streets. DANC Program includes housing rehabilitation for very low-income homeowners.

Mohawk Indian Housing Corp.

Address: POB 402, Rooseveltown, New York 13683

Phone: 518-358-4860

Contact: Carol Lazore **Email:** Mohawkhousing@yahoo.com

Area Served: Akwesasne Mohawk Reservation, Rooseveltown, Massena, Fort Covington and Hogansburg

Services Provided: Home improvement program for low-income residents offers home repairs to income eligible homeowners who will reside in the home five years subsequent to the work completion.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Catholic Charities

Contact: Main office at 315-393-2660, 716 Caroline St., Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Target areas: All of St. Lawrence County with focus on Ogdensburg and surrounding communities.

Services: Emergency food, emergency utility assistance up to \$50 in conjunction with other service providers.

Community Development Program – Emergency Food and Shelter Program

(Formerly Federal Emergency Management Agency - FEMA)

Address: 1 Commerce Lane, Canton, New York 13617

Phone: 315-386-1102

Contact: Norma Cary

Service Area: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided:

A one time, last resort assistance program. Everything else has been exhausted. Has to be an emergency or facing an eviction. FEMA funds can be used for rent, a mortgage payment to prevent foreclosure, utilities and food. Cannot be used for deposits or late charges.

Community Development Program – Neighborhood Centers

Contact:

Canton: 315-386-3541

Colton/Pierrepont/Parishville: 315-262-3175

Gouverneur: 315-287-3370
Massena: 315-764-0050
Ogdensburg: 315-393-5561
Potsdam: 315-265-3920

Service Area: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided: Food, clothing and other emergency financial assistance. **Care and Share Funds** assist with energy related problems such as hot water heater repair or replacement, furnace repair, electric shut off, heat shut off, etc. Must be a Niagara Mohawk customer and be refused by HEAP, age 60 or older, collecting Social Security Disability, or have a medical emergency documented by a physician.

Ministries in the North Country (MINC)

Address: POB 113, Chase Mills, New York 13621

Phone: 315-322-4271

Contact: Sheryl Evans **Email:** sbe32@hotmail.com

Rural Rehab Chair, Cynthia Coleman, 5 Grant Street, Potsdam, New York 13676

Area Served: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided: MINC provides emergency assistance for people who qualify for HEAP or whose income is just above the financial cutoff for HEAP. May provide emergency food gift certificates. MINC has a summer work program to make homes warmer, safer, and drier, for the working poor, elderly and disabled homeowners. Homeowners are encouraged to help with the work. Donations are accepted, but not expected. People who qualify for HEAP and own their homes or have a land contract may qualify for this program. Volunteer youth and adult groups stay in a church for a week and work on homes, using funds donated by the work group, North Country Churches and individual donations.

The Salvation Army

Address: 20 Russell Road, PO Box 107, Massena, NY 13662

Phone: 315-769-5154

Website: http://www.use.salvationarmy.org/use/www_use_massenakroc.nsf

Contact: Major Cecelia Lynch, Massena Service Corps, (c) 315-705-7616, clynch@use.salvationarmy.org

Chief John Kaplan, Potsdam Service Unit, 315-265-2121

Captains Shane and Dorothy Budd, Ogdensburg Service Corps, 315-393-3351

Service area: St. Lawrence County

Services Provided: Each Corp and Service Unit offers different services according to budget allocations. Contact each location for specific programs. May provide food pantry, rent assistance, utility/fuel assistance, prescription assistance, disaster services, counseling, budgeting classes, youth and after school programs, adult programs and thrift store. Recipient of the St. Lawrence County Fuel Assistance Program.

(Local Emergency Assistance Programs)

Canton Church & Community Worker Program

Address: 95 Main Street, 3rd Floor, Canton, NY 13617

Phone: 315-386-3534

Contact: Sheri Wilcox **Email:** cantonccp@aol.com

Area Served: Canton and Hermon Townships and Villages; Clare, DeKalb and Russel Townships; Rensselaer Falls Village.

Services Provided: Emergency food assistance; One-time emergency utility assistance (\$150 maximum); Thrift Shop; School supplies; Vegetable garden project and Holiday gift and food program for low-income individuals and families; Referrals to other assistance agencies.

Helping Hands of Potsdam, Inc.

Address: PO Box 92, 5868 SH 56, Hannawa Falls, NY 13647

Phone: 315-268-0633

Contact: Jane Wells **Email:** helpinghands@slc.com

Area Served: Potsdam and surrounding area – including Parishville, Hannawa Falls, Colton, South Colton, Nicholville, and Norwood.

Services Provided: Helping Hands of Potsdam has a food pantry, home goods and furniture. They provide assistance with heating fuel, gasoline, utilities, rent and prescriptions when possible. They also have programs for dental care, sewing and cooking.

St. Mary's Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society

Address: 415 Hamilton Street, Ogdensburg, NY 13669

Phone: 315-393-3930*

Contact: Joseph E. Denoncourt

Area Served: Ogdensburg, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Morristown

Services Provided: Help with: Prescriptions, travel gas for doctor's appointments out of town, bus transportation for indigents, overnight emergency housing, utilities (i.e. gas, electric, fuel oil, propane, and wood).

*Any calls for aid, not to contact person but through the phone listed. Some services may be available at St. Vincent de Paul of Notre Dame Church, phone 315-393-5050.