SPW offers heating assistance

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MARQUETTE - The Superior Watershed Partnership announces an increase to $1,000 for heating assistance for qualifying low-income households as a part of the Michigan Energy Assistance Program.

Record cold temperatures and the current propane shortage have created a heating crisis for many low-income families. The SPW has partnered with St. Vincent DePaul chapters throughout the Upper Peninsula to coordinate the heating assistance program. The SPW is also offering home energy conservation upgrades for qualifying households.

Starting Feb. 1, applicants falling below 150 percent of the federal poverty level can apply for assistance with energy bills for up to $1,000 through their local St. Vincent de Paul. The SPW is also offering participants a free home energy checkup to identify areas of energy leaks and install simple energy-saving measures.

People in need of assistance are encouraged to call their local St. Vincent de Paul thrift store or hotline. For a complete listing, visit superiorwatersheds.org/assistance.