



# Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia

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## Fan Care and Cooling Assistance programs

Senior Services of Southeastern Virginia (SSSEVA) has two ways to keep seniors cool this summer, through its annual Fan Care and Cooling Assistance programs.

### Fan Care Program

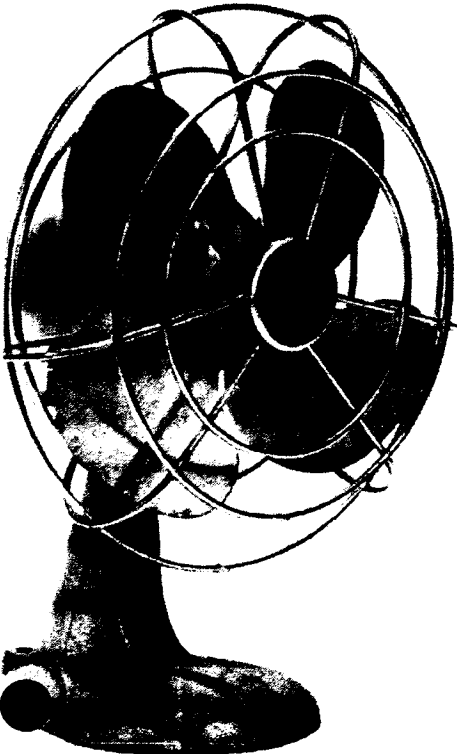
For the 14<sup>th</sup> year, the Virginia Department for the Aging and Dominion Virginia Power will provide fans to qualifying senior residents **June 1 - Sept. 30** through its Fan Care program.

To be eligible, seniors must live in South Hampton Roads, be 60 years or older and have a signed self-declaration of a health/medical need for a fan. Seniors' income must also be at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty level as determined by the Virginia Department of Health (\$1,164 monthly for one person; \$1,562 for two people; \$1,959 for three people; \$2,357 for four people). Proof of income, such as a bank statement, Social Security letter or other written verification, is required.

SSSEVA will accept applications by phone June 1 - Sept. 30. Allowances will be made for persons exceeding the income guidelines, who may have many medical needs for which they are responsible.

### Cooling Assistance Program

For seniors who may be seriously affected by the heat due to health problem, SSSEVA offers another option



through its Cooling Assistance Program. Created to help needy seniors purchase and repair air conditioners in their homes, the program is funded for a sixth year with funding assistance from the Department of Social Services.

The same eligibility requirements as the Fan Care program apply; however, applicants must have a situation at home demonstrating that heat could threaten their health. Applications will be taken by phone **June 15 - Aug. 15**, with the following services provided until Aug. 31, 2004:

- Payment of an electric bill up to \$200 (payment must allow electricity to be turned back on, not just pay down)
- Repair of a central air conditioning unit or heat pump up to \$300
- Purchase of a self-installed air conditioner up to \$350 in value
- Purchase and professional installation of an air conditioner up to \$550 in value

#### **How To Apply**

**To apply for either the Fan Care or Cooling Assistance programs, call SSSEVA at 461-9481 and ask to speak to an INTAKE SPECIALIST.** Specialists will assist callers in completing a short assessment form over the phone. Proof of income is needed. Approved applicants may then pick up their fan or air conditioning window unit at the SSSEVA headquarters at Interstate Corporate Center, 6350 Center Drive, Building #5 in Norfolk between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.