

Do You Need Help With Your Home Energy Bills?

The State of New Jersey Offers Assistance Programs That Can Help

USF/LIHEAP Applications

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP or HEA is a federally funded program that helps low-income households pay for heating costs (includes: electric, natural gas, oil and other deliverable fuels). Even if your heat is included in your rent, you may qualify. LIHEAP grants are also available for medically necessary cooling costs. Applications are accepted from October 1 through April 30. (See chart for income limits). LIHEAP is administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF)

USF is a program created by the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities to help low-income households pay for their electric and natural gas costs. To be eligible for USF, your household must: 1) Be income eligible (see chart) and 2) spend more than three percent of household income on gas and/or electricity; (or spend more than six percent of household income on electric heating). Apply any time of the year. USF is administered by the Department of Community Affairs.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY

Monthly Pre-tax Income Limits
10/01/2017- 9/30/2018

Household Size	USF Program	LIHEAP Program
1	\$1,759	\$2,010
2	\$2,369	\$2,707
3	\$2,978	\$3,404
4	\$3,588	\$4,100
5	\$4,198	\$4,797
6	\$4,807	\$5,494
7	\$5,417	\$6,190
8	\$6,026	\$6,887
9	\$6,636	\$7,584
10	\$7,245	\$7,935
11	\$7,855	\$8,101
12	\$8,465	\$8,266
If more than 12 add:	\$610 for each person	\$165 for each person

For a list of agencies that accept USF/LIHEAP applications and more information, go to the website:

www.energyassistance.nj.gov

or call toll free:

1-800-510-3102

