



DON'T GET LEFT IN THE COLD

Help is available now.

Cold weather is on its way – and so are winter heating bills.

For those who need help paying their heating bills, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)/Universal Service Fund (USF) is available to eligible customers beginning October 1, 2018.

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. To qualify for LIHEAP, you must be responsible for home heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent.

When you apply for LIHEAP, you automatically apply for the Universal Service Fund Program (USF). If you are eligible, USF can lower the amount you pay for gas and electricity.

To qualify, your annual gross household income must be less than the following amount for the number of people in your home:

Size of Household	LIHEAP Monthly Gross Household Income	USF Monthly Gross Household Income
1 person	\$2,023	\$1,770
2 persons	\$2,743	\$2,400
3 persons	\$3,463	\$3,030
4 persons	\$4,183	\$3,660
5 persons	\$4,903	\$4,290
6 persons	\$5,623	\$4,920
7 persons	\$6,343	\$5,550
8 persons	\$7,063	\$6,180
9 persons	\$7,783	\$6,810
10 persons	\$8,503	\$7,440
11 persons	\$9,223	\$8,070
Amount for each additional member for households greater than 11	\$720	\$630

LIHEAP funds are limited to a maximum of \$2,000 for heating assistance. Emergency assistance, with a maximum benefit of up to \$450, is available beginning March 15, 2019.

For USF/LIHEAP applications, a list of agencies that accept USF/LIHEAP applications and more information, visit <https://energyassistance.nj.gov/>, or call the Department of Community Affairs at 1-800-510-3102.



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