



# 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, 2021.

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 USF. If you are eligible, USF can lower the amount you pay for gas and electricity.

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

Size of Household	LIHEAP Annual Gross Household Income	USF Annual Gross Household Income
	<b>185%</b>	<b>200%</b>
1 person	\$23,606	\$25,520
2 persons	\$31,894	\$34,480
3 persons	\$40,182	\$43,440
4 persons	\$48,470	\$52,400
5 persons	\$56,758	\$61,360
6 persons	\$65,046	\$70,320
7 persons	\$73,334	\$79,280
8 persons	\$81,622	\$88,240
Amount for each additional member for households greater than 8	\$8,288	\$8,960

\*Income guidelines subject to change. Visit [nj.gov/dca/dcaid](http://nj.gov/dca/dcaid) for latest information.

**LIHEAP funds are limited to a maximum of \$2,000 for heating assistance. Emergency assistance, with a maximum benefit of up to \$600, is available beginning March 15, 2021.**

For more information or to apply for these assistance programs, visit [nj.gov/dca/dcaid](http://nj.gov/dca/dcaid) or call DCA's customer service at **609-292-4080**. Customers with hearing or speech impairments please dial 711.

For more information about assistance or payment options, visit [firstenergycorp.com/billassist](http://firstenergycorp.com/billassist). To explore which assistance programs might be available to you, click on Search for Assistance.

