

Monmouth County Workforce Development Board

PROGRAMS TO HELP PAY YOUR ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY BILLS NJ UTILITY ENERGY OUTREACH GROUP



Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

1-800-510-3102

- Utility heating customers typically receive an average of \$300 toward their electric or gas bill.
- Customers with a household income at or below income limits can apply.
- *You may also be eligible for USF.*
- LIHEAP accepts applications from October 1 to April 30.

Universal Service Fund (USF)

1-800-510-3102

- Electric or gas utility customers can receive from \$5 to \$150 per month toward their utility bill.
- If you apply for LIHEAP you are also applying for USF.
- USF accepts applications year round.

For information about LIHEAP or USF, visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov

Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses (TRUE) and Payment Assistance Gas and Electric (PAGE) 1-855-465-8783 www.njpoweron.org

Customers may benefit from both programs in a 12-month period for combined assistance towards their past due bill. Up to \$750/utility is available under each program. Customers must:

- Have an electric and/or gas bill that is currently past due or have a payment plan to pay your back due bills
- Have made at least two payments of \$25 or more in the last six months. At least one of those payments should have been made within the past 15 days, or a \$75 good faith payment should have been made within the last 90 days (\$150 if you have gas & electric combined account)
- Not currently be applying for, receiving or have received any benefit through the LIHEAP programs within the current heating season. Must not currently be receiving a USF benefit
- Meet annual income requirements listed in the chart.
- To apply for TRUE/PAGE, call 1-855-465-8783 to locate the agency in your county or apply online at njpoweron.org.
- TRUE/PAGE applications are available all year.

NJ SHARES (NJS)

1-866-NJSHARES (657-4273) www.njshares.org

- Electric and gas utility customers can receive up to \$500 for electric; customers can receive up to \$700 for gas, depending on the balance owed on their PSE&G bill.
- Customers with a household income higher than LIHEAP or USF income limits, and lower than the income limits listed, may apply. NJS accepts applications year round.
- To find the agency where to apply, call 1-866-657-4273 or apply online at www.njshares.org.

NJ Lifeline

1-800-792-9745

- Seniors who are at least 65 years old, and disabled adults who are at least 18 years old and receiving Social Security Disability Title II can apply to receive \$225 yearly credit. Customer's annual gross income (**not the household income**) must be less than \$26,655 if single or less than \$32,680 if married.
- NJ Lifeline accepts applications year round.