

2017-2018 ENERGY/UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

Program/Contact Information	Eligibility Requirements	Benefit Level	Enrollment Period	Information regarding how/where to apply
Lifeline	Lifeline is a program that offers assistance to persons who meet the PAAD eligibility requirements for 2017-2018. Persons who are 65 or older or over the age 18 and under 65 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits are eligible. \$27,189 if single/\$33,334 if married. This includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Lifeline benefits are provided for electricity and natural gas.	\$225 per year.	On-going	Customers can apply by mail. Applications available on-line or by calling the lifeline information at 1-800-792-9745
LIHEAP	The applicant household must be responsible for home heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent; and have gross income below 200% of the 2017-2018 federal poverty levels. \$2,010 1 person household \$2,707 2 person household	The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type and heating region.	2017-2018 heating season Deadline April 30, 2018	Customers can apply by mail or at Community Agencies. Visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov for more information. <u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown Office: 609-549-5822
Universal Service Fund Program (USF)	Electric and/or gas utility households with an income equal to or less than 175% of the 2017-2018 Federal Poverty Level are income eligible to be screened for benefits. \$1,759 1 person household \$2,369 2 person household	Customer specific level of benefits targeting eligible customers pay no more than 6% of their annual income for their natural gas and electric service combined. First time recipients can also qualify for and rearrange forgiveness program.	On-going 2017-2018 heating season	Automatically screened through annual LIAHEAP application process. NJ State: 1-866-240-1347 <u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown Office: 609-549-5822
Gift of Warmth For customers of New Jersey Natural Gas only	Customers experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship, including income-eligible households.	For information on how to obtain assistance through this fund, you can contact the local agency.	As funds are available	<u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown Office: 609-549-5822
Winter Termination Program	This program prevents shut off residential gas and electrical customers who participate in the Lifeline, LIHEAP, Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (WFNJ/TANF), SSI & PAAD	Keep people from their gas or electric services disconnected during winter months.	November 15 through March 15	Board of Public Utilities 1-800-624-0241

<p>NJSHARES</p>	<p>Eligibility is based on household size and income. Our clients are families and individuals who do not qualify for Federal and State assistance programs due to the household's income. Income level between 200%-400% of the Federal Poverty Level. \$5,833/mo. 1 to 2 person household with maximum \$70,000 gross</p>	<p>Energy assistance for middle income who do not qualify for other assistance programs; maximum grant is \$700 for heating and \$500 for electric (heat with electric max is \$700)</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>More than 250 intake agencies throughout the state. Visit www.njshares.org for more information. <u>Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton</u> (Lakewood): 732-363-5322 <u>Lakewood Res. & Ref. Ctr.:</u> 732-942-9292 <u>The G.I. Go Fund:</u> 866-389-GIGO (4446) <u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown Office: 609-549-5822 <u>St. Francis Community Ctr.:</u> 609-494-8861 <u>St. Vincent DePaul Society – St. Aloysius</u> Jackson: 732-370-0098 <u>Solutions to End Poverty Soon</u> (STEPS): Lakewood: 732-367-1640 Toms River: 732-281-8488 <u>Visitation Relief Center:</u> 732-746-3456</p>
<p>Payment Assistance for Gas & Electric (PAGE) Program</p>	<p>The Affordable Housing Alliance is the administrator for the Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric Program (PAGE). The PAGE program, is funded by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU) Minimum – Maximum \$24,132 - \$57,307 1 per household Minimum – Maximum \$32,496 - \$74,940 2 per household PAGE pays up to \$700.00 for each utility. Eligibility Notice: Households applying for PAGE that have \$10,000 or more in liquid assets (savings, stocks, bonds etc.) will be deemed ineligible for PAGE grant.</p>	<p>-Demonstrate that gas and/or electric account is currently 45 days or more past due and/or has received a disconnection notice. -Demonstrate that 2 payments of at least \$25 each have been made within the past 6 months onto the gas and electric account or at least 3 of those payments should have been made 30 days prior to the date of application or one payment of \$100 or greater within the past 90 days. -Must not currently be receiving or have received any benefit through the USF program within the last 6 months or HEA program within the current heating season.</p>	<p>Funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) 94 Broad Street Eatontown, NJ 07724-1528 Phone: 732-982-8710 www.njpoweron.org</p> <p>Services also available at the <u>B.E.A.T. Center:</u> 1769 Hooper Avenue Toms River, NJ 08753 Phone: 732-731-1400 Wednesday-Utilities 8:30-4:30 pm Phone: 732-982-8710</p>