

**2019-2020 ENERGY/UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS**

Program/Contact Information	Eligibility Requirements	Benefit Level	Enrollment Period	Information regarding how/where to apply
<b>Lifeline</b>	Lifeline is a program that offers assistance to persons who meet the PAAD eligibility requirements for 2019-2020. Persons who are 65 or older or over the age 18 and under 65 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits are eligible. \$28,399 if single/\$34,817 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
<b>LIHEAP</b>	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 2019-2020 federal poverty levels. \$2,082 1 person household \$2,819 2 person household	The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type and heating region.	Applications are accepted through August 31 each year. New applications will open October 1, 2019 and run through August 31, 2020.	Customers can apply by mail or at Community Agencies. Visit <a href="http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov">www.energyassistance.nj.gov</a> For more information. <u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405
<b>Universal Service Fund Program (USF)</b>	Electric and/or gas utility households with an income equal to or less than 185% of the 2019-2020 Federal Poverty Level are income eligible to be screened for benefits. \$1,926 1 person household \$2,607 2 person household	A household has to pay more than 3% of its annual income for electric, or more than 3% for natural gas. If a household has electric heat, it must spend more than 6% of its annual income on electricity to be eligible.	On-going 2019-2020 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
<b>Gift of Warmth For customers of New Jersey Natural Gas only</b>	Customers experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship, including income-eligible households.	One-time grant up to \$500 to help income- eligible households, as well as those experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship.	As funds are available	<u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 <u>NJNG- 800-221-0051</u>
<b>Winter Termination Program</b>	This program prevents shut off for 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><b>NJSHARES</b></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. Must have made a good faith payment of \$100 or more within 90 days of applying \$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 <a href="http://www.njshares.org">www.njshares.org</a> for more information.  <u>Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton</u>  (Lakewood): 732-363-5322  <u>Lakewood Res. &amp; 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  <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><b>Payment Assistance for Gas &amp; Electric (PAGE) Program</b></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  \$24,996 - \$61,588 1 per household  Minimum – Maximum  \$33,840 - \$80,540 2 per household  PAGE pays up to \$750.00 for each utility.  Eligibility Notice: Households applying for PAGE that have \$15,000 or more in liquid assets (savings, stocks, bonds etc.) will be deemed ineligible for benefits.</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 \$75 or greater within the past 90 days. (\$150 if combined gas and electric account.  -Must not currently be receiving or have received any benefit through the USF program within the last 6 months or LIHEAP 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  <a href="http://www.njpoweron.org">www.njpoweron.org</a></p>