

2016 ENERGY/UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

Program/Contract 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 2015-2016. Persons who are 65 or older or over age 18 and under 65 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits. \$26,575 if single or \$32,582 if married. This includes utility customers as well as tenants whose utility bills are included in their rent. Lifeline benefits are provided for only electricity and natural gas.	\$225 per year.	On-going	Customer 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 2015-2016 federal poverty level. \$1,962. 1 person household \$2,655. 2 person household	The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type and heating region.	2015/2016 heating season Deadline April 30, 2016	Customers can apply by mail or at Community Agencies. Visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov for more information. Ocean County – Ocean, Inc. Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown: 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 2015-2016 Federal Poverty Level are income eligible to be screened for benefits. \$1,717. 1 person household \$2,324. 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 an arrearage forgiveness program.	On-going 2015/2016 heating season	Automatically screened through annual LIAHEAP application process. NJ State: 1-866-240-1347 Ocean County – Ocean, Inc. Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown: 609-549-5822

<p>Winter Termination Program</p>	<p>This program prevents residential gas and electric customers who participate in the Lifeline, LIHEAP, Work First New Jersey/Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (WFNJ/TANF), SSI, & PAAD.</p>	<p>Keep people from having their gas or electric services disconnected during the winter months.</p>	<p>November 15 – March 15</p>	<p>Board of Public Utilities 1-800-624-0241</p>
<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.</p> <p>\$11,770. 1 person household \$15,930. 2 person household</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 100 intake agencies throughout the state. Visit www.njshares.org for more information.</p> <p>Catholic Charities, Trenton Diocese (Lakewood) – 732-363-5322 Homes Now, Inc. – 732-295-7380 Lakewood Resource and Referral Center 732-942-9292 MOCEANS – Center For Independent Living Ocean County – 732-505-2310 Ocean County – Ocean, Inc. Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown: 609-549-5822 PRAB, Inc (Puerto Rican Action Bd.) 732-886-9395 St Francis Community Center 609-494-8861 St Vincent DePaul Society – St Aloysius (Jackson) – 732-370-0098 Solutions to End Poverty Soon (STEPS) 732-367-1640 or 732-415-8638</p>
<p>Gift of Warmth For customers of New Jersey Natural Gas only</p>	<p>Customers experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship, including income-eligible households.</p>	<p>For information on how to obtain assistance through this fund, you can contact the local agency.</p>	<p>As funds are available</p>	<p>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc. Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown: 609-549-5822</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) program. The PAGE program, is funded by the Board of Public Utilities (BPU)</p> <p>Minimum - Maximum \$23,556-\$54,963 1 person household \$31,872- \$71,877 2 person household</p> <p>PAGE pays up to \$700.00 for each utility.</p>	<p>1) Demonstrate that gas and/or electric account is currently 45 days or more past due and/or has received a disconnection notice and/or service has already been disconnected.</p> <p>2) Demonstrate that 4 payments of at least \$25 each have been made within the past 6 months onto the gas and electric account. At least 3 of those payments should have been made 30 days prior to the date of application OR a \$100 good faith payment has been made to each utility within the past 90 days (\$200 if you have gas and electric combined account)</p> <p>3) Must not currently be applying for, receiving or have received any benefit through LIHEAP (HEA) programs within the current heating season. Must not currently be receiving or have received a USF benefit within the past 6 months.</p>	<p>Funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.</p>	<p>Affordable Housing Alliance 94 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ 07724-1528 Phone # 732-982-8710 recommends Filing an online application: www.njpoweron.org Affordable Housing Alliance Has partnered with: Ocean County – Ocean, Inc. They will do an intake over the phone. Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 732-942-3405 Waretown: 609-549-5822</p>
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