

2025 ENERGY/UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS

| Program/Contact Information | Eligibility Requirements | Benefit Level | Enrollment Period | Information regarding how/where to apply |
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| <p>Lifeline</p> | <p>Lifeline is a program that offers assistance to persons who meet the PAAD eligibility requirements or who receive Social Security Disability (SSI).</p> <p>Income - \$53,466 if single/\$60,690 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.</p> | <p>\$225 per year</p> | <p>On-going</p> | <p>Customers can apply by mail. Applications available on-line or by calling the lifeline information at 1-800-792-9745</p> <p>Customers can also apply online: NJSave application: https://njdoas-ua.force.com/njsave/quickstart</p> |
| <p>LIHEAP</p> | <p>The applicant household must be responsible for home heating or cooling costs, either directly or included in the rent; have a gross income that falls at or below 60% of the NJ State Median Income level.</p> <p>\$3,991 - 1 person household \$5,219 - 2-person household</p> | <p>The amount of the LIHEAP heating benefit is determined by income, household size, fuel type and heating region.</p> | <p>Application period is October 1 through June 30 of each year</p> | <p>Customers can apply by mail or at Community Agencies. Visit: www.energyassistance.nj.gov to apply online For more information.</p> <p><u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041</p> |
| <p>Universal Service Fund Program (USF)</p> | <p>Electric and/or gas utility households with an income equal to or less than 185% of the 2023-2024 Federal Poverty Level are income eligible to be screened for benefits.</p> <p>\$3,991 - 1 person household \$5,219 - 2-person household</p> | <p>To be eligible, a household gross income must be at or below 60% of the State Median Income and pay more than 2% of its annual income for electric, or more than 2% for natural gas. If a household has electric heat, it must spend more than 4% of its annual income on electricity to be eligible.</p> | <p>On-going: Heating Season</p> | <p>Automatically screened through annual LIHEAP application process.</p> <p>NJ State: 1-800-510- 3102</p> <p><u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041</p> |
| <p>Fresh Start Program</p> | <p>For USF customers that are able to participate in program once in a five-year period. *NJNG screens enrollees.</p> | <p>NJNG will screen enrollees, and if enrollee has overdue balance of \$60 or more, they will be automatically enrolled.</p> | <p>Once in a five-year period</p> | <p><u>NJNG</u>- 800-221-0051</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>One-time grant up to \$500 to help income- eligible households, as well as those experiencing temporary or unanticipated financial hardship.</p> | <p>As funds are available</p> | <p><u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041</p> <p><u>NJNG</u>- 800-221-0051</p> |

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| <p>Winter Termination Program</p> | <p>This program prevents service discontinuation for customers receiving electric, sewer and water service from local authority, municipal utility receiving benefits; HEAP, TANF, SSI, PAAD, GA, USF, LIHWAP, and Lifeline</p> | <p>Keep from their gas or electric services from disconnection during winter months.</p> | <p>November 15 through 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. If applying for two energy utilities, must have made a good faith payment of \$100 or more within 90 days prior of application date (amongst both utilities)</p> <p>\$5,217 - 1 person household \$7,050 - 2-person household</p> | <p>Energy assistance for middle income who do not qualify for other assistance programs; maximum grant is \$700 per utility per calendar year.</p> <p>Grants will be used for Energy consumption only – not for deposits, reconnection fees, repairs, etc.</p> | <p>On-going</p> | <p>NJ SHARES operates more than 325 sites statewide: 866-657-4273 Visit www.sharenation.org for more information.</p> <p><u>Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton</u> Brick: 732-363-5322 <u>Lakewood Res. & Ref. Ctr.:</u> 732-942-9292 <u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 <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 (STEPS):</u> 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>NJSHARES is the administrator for the Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric Program (PAGE).</p> <p>\$3,991 - 1 person household \$5,219 - 2- person household</p> <p>PAGE pays up to \$700.00 for each utility.</p> | <p>Receive one grant of up to \$700 for electric service or electric heating source once between January 1 and December 31 of a given year.</p> <p>Receive one grant of up to \$700 for natural gas (including cooking gas) heating source, once between January 1 and December 31 of a given year</p> <p>Grants will be used for Energy consumption only – not for deposits, reconnection fees, repairs, etc.</p> | <p>State Funded - allocated on a first come, first serve basis.</p> | <p>www.sharesnation.org 1-866-657-4273</p> |