

**2023-2024 ENERGY/UTILITY DISCOUNT PROGRAMS**

Program/Contact Information	Eligibility Requirements	Benefit Level	Enrollment Period	Information regarding how/where to apply
<p><b>Lifeline</b></p>	<p>Lifeline is a program that offers assistance to persons who meet the PAAD eligibility requirements for 2023-2024. Persons who are 65 or older or over the age 18 and under 65 and receiving Social Security Disability benefits are eligible.  <b>\$52,142 if single/\$59,209 if married.</b>                      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 with the NJSave application at <a href="https://njdoas-ua.force.com/njsave/quickstart">https://njdoas-ua.force.com/njsave/quickstart</a></p>
<p><b>LIHEAP</b></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.  <b>\$3,676</b> - 1 person household  <b>\$4,807</b> - 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>Applications are accepted through August 31 each year. New applications will open October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024</p>	<p>Customers can apply by mail or at Community Agencies.                      Visit: <a href="http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov">www.energyassistance.nj.gov</a> to apply online                      For more information.  <u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u>                      Toms River Office: 732-244-9041                      Lakewood Office: 848-290-1580</p>
<p><b>Universal Service Fund Program (USF)</b></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.  <b>\$3,676</b> - 1 person household  <b>\$4,807</b> - 2 person household</p>	<p>To be eligible, a household's gross income must be at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level <b>and</b> 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:                      2023 – 2024 Heating Season</p>	<p>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: 848-290-1580</p>
<p><b>Gift of Warmth For Customers of New Jersey Natural Gas only</b></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                      Lakewood Office: 848-290-1580  <u>NJNG- 800-221-0051</u></p>
<p><b>Winter Termination Program</b></p>	<p>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 &amp; PAAD</p>	<p>Keep people from their gas or electric services disconnected during winter months.</p>	<p>November 15 through March 15</p>	<p>Board of Public Utilities                      1-800-624-0241</p>

<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</p> <p><b>\$3,676</b> - 1 person household <b>\$4,807</b> - 2 person household</p> <p>With a maximum household income of \$8,311/mo.</p>	<p>Energy assistance for middle income who do not qualify for other assistance programs; maximum grant is \$700 for heating and \$700 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.</p> <p><u>Catholic Charities, Diocese of Trenton</u> (Lakewood): 732-363-5322 <u>Lakewood Res. &amp; Ref. Ctr.:</u> 732-942-9292</p> <p><u>Ocean County – Ocean, Inc.</u> Toms River Office: 732-244-9041 Lakewood Office: 848-290-1580 <u>St. Francis Community Ctr.:</u> 609-494-8861</p> <p><u>St. Vincent DePaul Society – St. Aloysius</u> Jackson: 732-370-0098</p> <p><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><b>Payment Assistance for Gas &amp; Electric (PAGE) Program</b></p>	<p>NJSHARES is the administrator for the Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric Program (PAGE).</p> <p><b>\$3,676</b> - 1 person household <b>\$4,807</b> - 2 person household</p> <p>PAGE pays up to \$750.00 for each utility.</p>	<p>-Demonstrate that gas and/or electric account is currently 45 days or more past due and/or has received a disconnection notice.</p> <p>-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.</p> <p>-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>NJSHARES 4 Walter E Foran Blvd. Flemington, NJ 08822 <a href="http://www.njshares.org">www.njshares.org</a> 1-866-657-4273</p>