

Payment Assistance Programs

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Program Name	LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) - APPLY NOW!
Description	LIHEAP helps low-income people pay their winter heating bills. You may qualify even if your heat is included in the rent. To be eligible, your household income does not exceed the amounts allowed in the following household income table . Note: The LIHEAP Program is now open through April 30, 2012.
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here to download an application • Call 1-800-510-3102 • Visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov • Pick up an application at one of PSE&G's 16 walk-in Customer Service Centers <p>*Please note that with one application you can apply for LIHEAP & USF. You may be eligible for both programs.</p>
Program Name	NJ Universal Service Fund (USF)
Description	The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities created the Universal Service Fund (USF) , which helps make energy bills more affordable for low-income customers . If you're eligible, USF can lower the amount you have to pay for your gas and electric bills.
How to Apply	<p>*USF accepts applications all year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Click here to download an application. • Call 1-800-510-3102 • Pick up an application at one of PSE&G's 16 walk-in Customer Service Centers. • Visit www.energyassistance.nj.gov. <p>*Please note that with one application you can apply for LIHEAP & USF. You may be eligible for both programs.</p>
Program Name	TRUE (Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses) Grant
Description	The New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has awarded \$25 million in Temporary Relief for Utility Expenses (TRUE) Program funding to the Affordable Housing Alliance (AHA) . This one-time TRUE Grant assistance, administered by the AHA, is intended for low to middle income New Jersey residents who are struggling to pay their electric and natural gas bills. The maximum grant is \$750 for electric and \$750 for gas service, depending on your balance owed. Funds will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.
How to Apply	Click here for program eligibility requirements and how to apply.
Program Name	NJ SHARES
Description	<p>NJ SHARES has limited funds available at this time for PSE&G customers.</p> <p>New Jersey SHARES, Inc. is an energy-assistance program that assists households who do not qualify for federal or state energy programs and whose income does not exceed 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. Each client fills out an electronic application with the assistance of a local community-based organization. New Jersey SHARES partners with more than 275 organizations statewide. Eligibility is determined by income and household size. New Jersey SHARES grant maximums are \$700 for heating and \$300 for electric service grants. Clients heating with electric can received up to \$700 on their electric heat account. Grants are distributed year-round based on funding availability.</p> <p>Note: Customers must apply for TRUE Grant assistance before they can be considered for NJ SHARES.</p> <p>To donate or apply for the New Jersey SHARES program, please call toll-free 1-866-NJSHARES (1-866-657-4273) or visit www.njshares.org.</p>
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact a community-based agency near you that participates in NJ SHARES. • Visit the NJ SHARES website (www.njshares.org) for more information. • Call 1-866-NJSHARES (657- 4273)
Program Name	NJ Lifeline Credit Program
Description	NJ Lifeline is a \$225 yearly credit for your electric or gas bill. You must be 65 years old, or a disabled adult at least 18 years old who is receiving Social Security Disability benefits. Your income must be under \$24,432 for a single person or \$29,956 for a married couple. If you receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) you do not need to apply, your Lifeline benefit is in your monthly SSI check. Call the toll free number to receive an application.
How to Apply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Call 1-800-792-9745 • Click here to download an application • Write to NJ Lifeline, P.O Box 714, Trenton, NJ 08625-0714 for an application • Pick up an application from one of PSE&G's 16 walk-in Customer Service Centers.