

2022-2023 LIHEAP Fact Sheet

Opens November 1, 2022
Closes April 28, 2023

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Cash Grants

A cash grant provides grant assistance to help pay home heating costs.

Grant Amount: \$300 - \$1,000

Eligibility:

- Income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart)
- Responsible for primary or supplemental heat*
- Includes renters who pay for heat as part of rent, even if they do not have a utility account
- Pennsylvania resident**

Crisis Grants

A crisis grant provides emergency grant assistance to restore utility service, stop a shutoff, or assist a household that is almost out of fuel.

Grant Amount: \$25 - \$1,000

Eligibility:

- Income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart)
- Responsible for primary, secondary, or supplemental heat*
- Home heating emergency: At risk of termination, already off, or 15 days or less of fuel
- Grant must be sufficient to stop the termination, reconnect service, or get a fuel delivery
- Pennsylvania resident**

Emergency Heating System Repair

Provides emergency furnace repair or replacement, and other weatherization and energy efficiency measures to help reduce energy usage and improve home safety and comfort.

Eligibility:

- Income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart)
- Responsible for the main source of heat
- Tenants may apply, but landlord permission may be required
- Pennsylvania resident**

Household Income Limits (2023)

Household Size	150% FPL
1	\$20,385
2	\$27,465
3	\$34,545
4	\$41,625
5	\$48,705
6	\$55,785

Each additional person add: \$7,080

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Income Exclusions

Certain income is not considered when calculating household income (see chart on Page 1) to determine LIHEAP eligibility, including but not limited to:

- SNAP benefits
- Medicare premiums deducted from social security benefit payments
- Wage earnings of a dependent child under age 18
- Income tax refunds
- Cash or in-kind assistance with heating costs provided by private or public agencies or utility companies.

For a full list of income exclusions for the purposes of determining LIHEAP eligibility, see Section 601.84 of the 22-23 LIHEAP State Plan.

*Is your heating responsibility Primary, Secondary, or Supplemental?

- Primary heat is the type of energy used most by the applicant.
- Secondary heat is the type of energy used to operate the primary heat source. For example, when a secondary utility is necessary to operate the primary heating system, such as needing electricity to operate a gas furnace.
- Supplemental heat is the source of energy that a household uses to provide additional heat, such as using electric space heaters because a gas furnace doesn't work. If the supplemental heat source is used most by the household, you have a home heating responsibility.

****Certain non-citizens or mixed immigration status families are eligible. DHS counts considerable income from all individuals in the household, regardless of immigration status. To count towards household size, individuals must provide documentation of lawfully admitted non-citizen status.**

The Pennsylvania Utility Law Project (PULP) provides information, assistance, and advice about residential utility and energy matters affecting low income consumers across Pennsylvania.

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