



2021-22 Energy Assistance Program Changes
Effective October 1, 2021

ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- Income limits increased to 60% of the State Median Income from 200% of the Federal Poverty Limit (FPL). You can apply directly with your local Community Action Partnership (CAP) agency or online. Visit njng.com/energyassistance for more information and to apply.

Universal Service Fund (USF)

- Income limits are increasing to 400% FPL from 185% FPL. For example, a family of four making up to \$105,996 per year may qualify. You can apply directly with your local CAP agency or online. Visit njng.com/energyassistance for more information and to apply.

For the next two years, the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities has implemented an automatic enrollment into the N.J. Fresh Start Program for customers who enroll in Universal Service Fund (USF) and have a past-due balance of at least \$60 — regardless of the customer's past participation.

New Jersey SHARES

- This program provides eligible customers — who are not eligible for LIHEAP — a grant of up to \$700 per utility. Customers can apply online at njshares.org.

Payment Assistance for Gas and Electric (PAGE)

- PAGE helps eligible customers who exceed the LIHEAP and USF income guidelines or have exhausted LIHEAP and USF grant amounts pay their energy bills. A family of four making up to \$128,786 per year may qualify. You can apply at njpoweron.org or 732-982-8710.

NJNG's Gift of Warmth (GOW)

- GOW provides a one-time grant of up to \$500 to customers who have exhausted all state and federal funded grants and still need help catching up on their natural gas bills. You can get the application process started at njng.com/energyassistance.

- **Payment Arrangements**

Schedule interest-free monthly payments of your past-due balance to help you get caught up on your energy bills. Contact us at 800-221-0051 and say, "Energy Assistance" at the prompt.

CAP AGENCIES

Please note **not all community agency offices are open to the public**. However, they are assisting customers via email, phone or fax. Please contact your local CAP agency to apply for assistance:

Affordable Housing Alliance (Monmouth County)

Phone: 732- 389-2204

Fax: 732-414-6607

Email: HEAdocs@housingall.org (LIHEAP)

Pageapp@housingall.org (PAGE)

OCEAN, Inc. (Ocean County)

Phone: 732-244-9041

Fax: 732-244-3962

Email: homeenergy@oceaninc.org

Office of Hispanic Affairs (Morris County)

Phone: 973-366-1131

Fax: 973-361-7878

Email: info@mcoha.org