

You can apply for LIHEAP through the following county offices:

Allegheny County

800-851-3838

Armstrong County

800-424-5235

Butler County

866-256-0093

Clarion County

800-253-3488

Forest County

800-876-0645

Mercer County

800-747-8405

Venango County

877-409-2421

You can apply for Family Fund through the following offices:

Allegheny County

Dept of Human Services

412-350-3911

Armstrong County

Community Action Office

724-548-3408

Butler County

Salvation Army

724-287-5532

Clarion County

Charitable Deeds

814-797-0286

Forest County

Information & Referral Services

814-927-8266

Venango County

Office of Economic Opportunity

814-432-9763

Funding is available from
Nov. 1, 2017
through April 6, 2018

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Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Do you need help paying your electric bill this winter?



There are two programs available to assist you during the winter months. They are:

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).
- Cooperative Family Fund.

What is LIHEAP?

- A federal program administered by the State Department of Public Welfare to assist low-income families with their heating bills.
- LIHEAP is a grant you do not have to repay.
- You do not have to be on public assistance to receive a grant.
- You can either rent or own your home.

What is Cooperative Family Fund?

- This program was created to assist families or individuals in need who have their permanent residence on Central Electric Cooperative (CEC) lines.
- Funds are raised through the Round-Up program or one time donations from members and employees.
- The name was chosen to describe the true meaning of a cooperative: “members working together as a family, helping one another.”

Each fund is administered by different agencies. You must apply to each fund as directed in this brochure.

How does LIHEAP work?

There are two components of this program:

- **CASH BENEFITS** help families pay their heating bills. The grant payment is sent directly to your utility company and credited on your bill. The amount varies and is based on income.
- **CRISIS GRANTS** help families who have an emergency and are in danger of being without heat; each grant of up to \$500 will also be sent directly to your utility company. Please be aware that crisis grants may not be approved for your electric bill since we do not disconnect service between Dec. 1 and April 1.

How do I apply?

Call or visit your local County Assistance office. To apply, you will need:

- Names of people in your household.
- Social Security numbers for all household members.
- Proof of income for members of household.



Who is eligible?

Homeowners and renters who are on low or fixed incomes and whose yearly income before taxes is **at or less than**:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Maximum Income</u>
1	\$ 18,090
2	\$ 24,360
3	\$ 30,630
4	\$ 36,900
5	\$ 43,170
6	\$ 49,440
7	\$ 55,710
8	\$ 61,980
9	\$ 68,250
10	\$ 74,520

For households with more than 10 people, add \$6,270 for each additional member.

How does Cooperative Family Fund work?

The following is required to receive assistance from the Cooperative Family Fund:

- You have been a CEC member for six continuous months.
- You have a disconnection notice.
- You qualified for LIHEAP.

The Family Fund dollar amount will depend on the amount of your disconnection notice, but will not exceed \$500.