

LIHEAP 2020-21

The Pennsylvania **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** helps low-income households pay their heating bills through energy assistance grants and emergency repair assistance. LIHEAP will be open this season from **November 1, 2020 through April 9, 2021.**

Participants of TFDC's Healthy Start and Nurse-Family Partnership programs can be referred to HELP: MLP for legal help with all LIHEAP matters!

All other low-income Delco households that need extra help can seek support from Legal Aid of Southeastern PA – visit www.lasp.org



To receive LIHEAP:

- You don't need to be a recipient of any other welfare benefits
- You don't need to have an unpaid heating bill or crisis to qualify
- You can be either a renter or homeowner
- You must be responsible for the main source of heat in your home (either directly to the utility or indirectly through rent)
- Subsidized housing tenants may be eligible for LIHEAP, but only if they pay for part or all of their primary heating source directly to a utility

LIHEAP has 3 components, and a household under 150% of the federal poverty limit may qualify for one, two, or all three:

- Cash Grant: Assists with payment of heating bills
- Crisis Grant: Available if an *actual or imminent* home heating emergency can be resolved with amount of Crisis funds that a household is found eligible for
- Crisis Interface: May be available for heating system repair or replacement needs

To apply for any component of LIHEAP in Delaware County:

- Apply starting on **November 1st** (but households that received LIHEAP last season will be receiving invitations in the mail to apply early, which they should look out for!)
- Apply online on COMPASS (mobile-friendly!) at www.compass.state.pa.us, OR
- Drop off a completed paper application in the drop box **outside** your local Delaware County Assistance Office (CAO) in Chester or Darby (offices still closed to the public due to COVID-19), OR
- Mail a completed paper application to your local CAO
- Income eligibility guidelines for this season:

| Household Size | 150% FPL (Annual) |
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| 1 person | \$19,140 |
| 2 persons | \$25,860 |
| 3 persons | \$32,580 |
| 4 persons | \$39,300 |
| Each add'l person | \$6,720 |

Health, Education and Legal assistance Project: A Medical-Legal Partnership (HELP: MLP) at The Foundation for Delaware County Healthy Start and Nurse-Family Partnership