



# Getting LIHEAP in Delaware County

LIHEAP is the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**. This program helps low-income families pay their heating bills.

To receive help:

**You don't need to be on welfare**  
**You don't need to have an unpaid heating bill** (your heat can still be on)  
**You can either rent or own your home**

LIHEAP is taking (new) applications for its *cash, weatherization and crisis* grants beginning November 1, 2016.

Applications for LIHEAP will not be accepted after March 31, 2017.  
**If you received LIHEAP last year you must reapply this year!**

There are three parts of LIHEAP. You can get all three.

1. **Cash grants.** These grants are to help with your heating bill; the minimum cash grant will be \$200 and the maximum grant is \$1000.
2. **Crisis grants.** These grants are up to **\$500** and given to families who have an emergency and are in danger of being without heat. The minimum crisis grant is \$25.
3. **Weatherization grants.** These grants help families insulate their houses and repair or replace heating systems to save money on heating.

To apply for a Cash or Crisis grant, go to the Delaware County Assistance Office (CAO), 701 Crosby Street in Chester or apply on-line at [www.compass.state.pa.us](http://www.compass.state.pa.us).

You are eligible for the Cash or Crisis grants if your yearly income before taxes is less than

Household Size	Yearly Income
1	\$17,820
2	\$24,030
3	\$30,240
4	\$36,450
Each additional person add	\$ 6,240

For more information and to download LIHEAP Applications (starting 11/1/16) in English and Spanish, go to: <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/foradults/heatingassistanceliheap/index.htm>.

It can take up to 30 days to process a Cash grant application.

*A supplemental cash benefit of \$50.00 will be issued to "vulnerable households" – containing at least one member who is age 62 or older or a disabled individual and \$75.00 if the household contains a child age five and under.\**

**To apply for a Crisis grant** or to make an inquiry about the status of your LIHEAP application, call 1-866-857-7095

If you need legal assistance, please call  
Legal Aid of Southeastern Pennsylvania at 1-877-429-5994 (toll-free).

*\*A household can only receive one of each type, and households meeting all three criteria above can receive a maximum supplement of \$175. An individual can only be counted for one criterion.*