

# 2019-2020 LIHEAP Program Fact Sheet

Program opens **November 1, 2019** // Program closes **April 10, 2020**

## Cash Grants

### Amount of Benefit:

\$200 (minimum grant) - \$1000 (maximum grant) to help eligible low income household pay the cost of home heating.

### General Eligibility Requirements:

- Income at or below **150%** of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart on back page)
- Responsible for the main source of heat in the household (pay utility or fuel vendor directly; or indirectly through rent)
- Residency in Pennsylvania

## Crisis Grants

### Amount of Benefit:

Up to \$600 to stop a shut-off of utility service, to get service turned back on, or to get fuel if out of fuel or about to run out of fuel.

### General Eligibility Requirements:

- Income at or below **150%** of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart on back page)
- Responsible for the main source of heat in the household (pay utility or fuel vendor directly; or indirectly through rent)
- Residency in Pennsylvania
- **Actual or imminent home heating emergency that can be resolved by crisis funds**

## Crisis Interface Program

### Benefits:

This program connects low income households with weatherization providers that may:

- Repair heating system
- Loan auxiliary heater
- Repair gas or other fuel lines
- Replace un-repairable heating systems
- Repair hot water heating system
- Heating system pipe thawing service
- Repair broken windows
- Provide blankets

### General Eligibility Requirements:

- Income at or below **200%** of the Federal Poverty Level
- Responsible for the main source of heat in the household
  - pay utility or fuel vendor directly; or pay indirectly through rent
- Residency in Pennsylvania
- **Client education on the care and maintenance of their heating system**
- **Program benefits are available to tenants; however, landlord permission may be required**



## 2019-2020 LIHEAP Household Income Limits

Household Size	Cash/Crisis Grants	Crisis Interface Program
	150% FPL	200% FPL
1	\$18,735	\$24,980
2	\$25,365	\$33,820
3	\$31,995	\$42,660
4	\$38,625	\$51,500
5	\$ 45,255	\$60,340
6	\$ 51,885	\$69,180
7	\$ 58,515	\$78,020
<i>Each additional person add:</i>	<i>\$6,630</i>	<i>\$8,840</i>

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### How to Apply:

In person at local County Assistance Office or online at Pa. COMPASS

Online at: <https://www.compass.state.pa.us>

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### Changes and Updates to LIHEAP in 2019-2020

- **No Supplemental Cash Grants:** Turn On and Supplemental Grants for vulnerable households will not be available this year.
- **Preseason Applications and Compass Postcards:** Preseason applications and COMPASS Postcards will be mailed out to all households who received LIHEAP last year. Mailing began on September 23, 2019. Households that receive a postcard can apply through COMPASS as soon as mailing is received and cash grants will be issued early, any time after October 1, 2019.
- **Cash grant formula:** There was a change in the formula, which may increase grants by \$15-\$20.
- **Late Fees:** DHS has clarified that LIHEAP grants can be used to pay late fees.
- **Earned income from temporary census employment** is excluded for purposes of household eligibility and benefit calculation.

