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## **Member Assistance Program New York and Pennsylvania Energy Assistance Guide October 2018 - August 2019**

UFCW Local 1262 is providing this MAP Energy Assistance Guide as a resource for our members and their families. The Guide contains information on the many services and programs available to them at the federal, state and local level.

The information contained in this Guide is the most current and accurate as of the publication date. Please keep in mind, however, that especially in the current economic climate, some of the programs listed here may change their eligibility or other requirements.

On behalf of Local 1262's Officers, Executive Board and Staff, we hope you find this information helpful as we work together to support our members and their families - - on and off the job.

**Fraternally,**  
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**President Harvey Whille**

## New York and Pennsylvania Energy Assistance Programs



**Disclaimer:** Resources listed here are by no means all inclusive and should be viewed as a guide. MAP makes every effort to carefully screen resources listed here, but does not endorse or guarantee the information. Also - Please take note of the dates under the assistance programs. Information is as current as was available at the time of printing.

**MAP Tip** – Carefully review all the material included in your energy providers bills (electric, heating & cooling). If you are having trouble paying your bills, first look for information that addresses payment options & payment assistance. Providers may also offer free services, Home Energy Audits & Rebates for Energy Efficient Appliances, Light Bulbs, Thermostats and Weatherization.



## New York and Pennsylvania Energy Assistance Programs

### Energy Assistance Income Limits

Family Size	NY LIHEAP	NY HEAP & WAP	PA LIHEAP	PA Dollar Energy Hardship Fund*
	Yearly (2018-2019)	Monthly (2018-2019)	Yearly (2018-2019)	Yearly (2018-2019)
1	\$17,820	\$2,391	\$18,210	\$24,280
2	\$24,030	\$3,127	\$24,690	\$32,920
3	\$30,240	\$3,863	\$31,170	\$41,560
4	\$36,450	\$4,598	\$37,650	\$50,200
5	\$42,660	\$5,334	\$44,130	\$58,840
6	\$48,870	\$6,070	\$50,610	\$67,480
7	\$55,095	\$6,208	\$57,090	\$76,120

**Hardship Fund \*** Exception to Hardship Fund income guidelines is First Energy, whose customers must be at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty guidelines, a slighter higher income threshold.

## NEW YORK ENERGY ASSISTANCE



### Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) 800 342-3009

<https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1534>

LIHEAP is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households pay their home heating and cooling bills. Their comprehensive website provides many energy assistance programs offered by each local utility provider, including: Water, Gas, Electric and Weatherization.

### Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) 800 342-3009

<http://otda.ny.gov/programs/heap/>

HEAP is a federally-funded program that assists eligible households in meeting their home energy needs. HEAP may help you pay for Electricity, Propane, Natural Gas, Wood, Oil, Kerosene, Coal or any other heating fuel. Website includes: Regular and Emergency Benefits; Heating Equipment Repair and Replacement; Income and Eligibility Guidelines.



### Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP)

<http://otda.ny.gov/workingfamilies/wap.asp>

Assists income-eligible families/individuals, *with priorities for senior citizens*, by reducing their Heating & Cooling costs & improving the Safety of their Homes through Energy-efficient measures. Website includes: Types of Services Offered; Income & Eligibility Guidelines. How to Apply. To locate your local service provider, go to the following website:

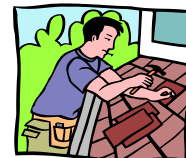
<http://www.nyshcr.org/Programs/WeatherizationAssistance/WAP-Provider-List.pdf>



### NY State Energy Research & Development Authority 866 697-3732

(NYSERDA) <http://www.nyserda.ny.gov/Residents-and-Homeowners>

- Free or reduced-cost comprehensive home energy assessments.
- Incentives to help offset the cost of improvements.
- Low-interest loans, which you can apply for at the end of the energy assessment application, to help you pay for your project.



## PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY ASSISTANCE



**LIHEAP Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program - 866 857-7095**

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/citizens/heatingassistanceliheap/index.htm>

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is a federally-funded program that helps low-income households pay their home heating and cooling bills. Their comprehensive website provides several pages of energy assistance programs provided by each local utility provider, including Water, Gas, Electric and Weatherization programs, as well as the following:

### Brochure

[http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/p\\_035672.pdf](http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/document/p_035672.pdf)

### Apply at Compass

<https://www.compass.state.pa.us/compass.web/Public/CMPHome>



**Pennsylvania Public**

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[http://www.puc.state.pa.us/consumer\\_info/electricity/energy\\_assistance\\_programs.aspx](http://www.puc.state.pa.us/consumer_info/electricity/energy_assistance_programs.aspx)

Website includes:

- Overview of many Energy Assistance programs;
- Phone numbers for local Utility Assistance programs.

**Dollar Energy Fund - 800 683-7036**

<http://www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania/>

- Works with utility companies to design and administer help low-income utility customers. It is also the largest programs to hardship fund in PA. Their comprehensive website lists all PA Utility providers and their available assistance programs.

- For details on the Dollar Energy Fund Hardship Program financial assistance guidelines, go to their website:

<https://www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania/hardship-program/>



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