

Utility Assistance Resources

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

1 UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUND (USF) AND LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD HEATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

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[HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOV/DCA/DIVISIONS/DHCR/
OFFICES/USF.HTML](https://www.nj.gov/dca/divisions/dhcr/offices/usf.html)

THESE PROGRAMS CAN HELP LOWER MONTHLY PAYMENTS ON GAS AND ELECTRIC. CLIENTS CAN APPLY FOR THEM ONLINE OR THROUGH A LOCAL APPLICATION AGENCY.



2 PAYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR GAS AND ELECTRIC (PAGE)

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[HTTPS://NJPOWERON.ORG/PAGE/](https://njpoweron.org/page/)

PAGE IS A STATE-FUNDED UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT HELPS LOW TO MODERATE-INCOME FAMILIES IN NEW JERSEY PAY THEIR UTILITY BILLS. CLIENTS CAN APPLY ONLINE, VIA EMAIL, VIA MAIL, OR AT A LOCAL AGENCY.



3 LIFELINE

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[HTTPS://NJ.GOV/HUMANSERVICES/HOME/
DIGITALACCESSFORALL.SHTML](https://nj.gov/humanservices/home/digitalaccessforall.shtml)

LIFELINE IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ELIGIBLE LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS WITH A FREE SMARTPHONE AND FREE WIRELESS PHONE SERVICE (FREE DATA, FREE MONTHLY MINUTES AND UNLIMITED TEXTING). NOTE- THERE CAN ONLY BE ONE LIFELINE PHONE PER HOUSEHOLD.



4 WINTER TERMINATION PROGRAM

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[HTTPS://WWW.NJ.GOV/DCA/DHCR/OF
FICES/WINTERTERMINATION.SHTML](https://www.nj.gov/dca/dhcr/offices/wintertermination.shtml)

THE WINTER TERMINATION PROGRAM PROTECTS SPECIFIC CATEGORIES OF CUSTOMERS FROM HAVING THEIR WATER, WASTEWATER, GAS OR ELECTRIC SHUT OFF BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15 AND MARCH 15 OF EACH YEAR. CUSTOMERS MUST CALL THEIR UTILITY COMPANY AND REQUEST WTP PROTECTION.



5 THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

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[HTTPS://WWW.AFFORDABLECONNECTIVITY.
GOV/](https://www.affordableconnectivity.gov/)

THE AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS WITH A DISCOUNT ON BROADBAND SERVICE AND CONNECTED DEVICES.



6 NJ SHARES

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[HTTPS://NJSHARES.ORG](https://njshares.org)
PHONE: 1-866-657-4273

NJ SHARES IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO INCOME-ELIGIBLE NEW JERSEY HOUSEHOLDS FOR PAYING THEIR ENERGY, TELEPHONE, BROADBAND (INTERNET), WATER, TAX, RENT AND MORTGAGE BILLS. APPLICATIONS FOR NJ SHARES GRANTS CAN BE MADE AT ANY OF THE MORE THAN 270 PARTICIPATING SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE OR ONLINE.

