# ENERGY SERVICES

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

PLEASE APPLY DURING YOUR APPLICATION PERIOD:

Priority Period

## OCTOBER 1

Households with a senior member age 60+

Households with a person receiving Disability Benefits\*

\* Disability benefits include: Federal Social Security Disability benefits, Civil Service Disability or Federal Supplemental Security Income Benefits based on blindness or disability, Veterans Administration Disability benefits, Railroad Retirement Disability benefits, or any State Pension or payment based on blindness or disability.

Priority Period

### **NOVEMBER 1**

Households with one or more disconnected utilities

Households with children age 5 and under

**Furnace Program Begins** 

Regular
Application
Period

## DECEMBER 1 All Households

## Additional Energy Services Programs:

Peoples Gas Share the Warmth, ComEd Special Hardship Home Weatherization (IHWAP)

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Other programs and services offered by **(CEDA**:

## FSACE Programs (Formerly CSBG)

Auto Repair Assistance

**Dental Care Assistance** 

**Employment Program** 

**Family Nutrition** 

Family Support and Case

Management

Rental Assistance

Scholarship Program

Trade Skills

Vision Care Assistance

#### **Health and Nutrition**

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

#### Housing

Transitional Housing for
Homeless "Men" Veterans
Permanent Housing for
Families and Individuals
Home buying/Pre-Purchase
Counseling
Mortgage Delinquency/
Default Counseling
Rental Counseling
Financial Management/
Budget Counseling



## **LIHEAP Programs:**

#### DIRECT VENDOR PAYMENT (DVP)/ RECONNECTION ASSISTANCE (RA)

**DVP/RA** is designed to assist income-eligible households with energy services in the form of a one-time benefit payment to the utility companies that is applied directly to the household's energy bills. The amount of the payment is determined by income, household size, and fuel type. RA is used to prevent disconnection or reconnect disconnected services.

#### PERCENTAGE OF INCOME PAYMENT PLAN (PIPP)

PIPP provides a monthly benefit payment to the utilities based on household utility usage and monthly income. The qualifying accounts are enrolled in utility budget billing and customers are required to pay a reduced amount on their utility bills each month to get the benefit payments. PIPP participants who make their utility payments on time will receive additional credits towards their outstanding balance.

\*DISCONNECTED HOUSEHOLDS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

#### **FURNACE ASSISTANCE**

Furnace Assistance is designed to restore the home's heating system back to a safe and effective operation. Assistance is only available to approved households that has or are eligible to receive a LIHEAP benefit and whose heating systems are not operational or have been red-tagged by their utility company. The services are free of charge for income qualifying households. \*RENTERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY.

### Fuel Funds Programs:

#### PEOPLES GAS SHARE THE WARMTH

#### SHARE THE WARMTH (STW)

A matching grant program for customers who are income eligible can receive a grant up to \$200 and cannot result in a credit balance. The customer must confirm that their application has been processed before making their pledge payment. The pledge must then be made to their Peoples Gas account in a single payment within 14 calendar days of the date the application is processed by Peoples Gas. Disconnected households may be eligible to apply.

## COMED RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL HARDSHIP RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL HARDSHIP (RSH)

Provides grants of up to \$500 (once every two years) to eligible residential ComEd customers with a demonstrated hardship case that is not addressed by other programs while funds are available. Examples may include job loss, documented illness, military deployment, senior or disability hardships, among others.

#### **DOCUMENTS NEEDED TO APPLY:**

- Proof of current 30-day gross income from all household members.
- Copy of most recent heat and electric bills if you pay for your home energy directly. (Must provide entire bill)
- Proof of Social Security Numbers of all household members (Hard-copy of Social Security cards, print-out from the Social Security Administration or any other form of governmentissued identification that shows both name and Social Security number.)
- If a member of your household receives TANF, you must bring their Medical Eligibility Card
- Applicants that have their utilities included in the rent must bring proof of rental agreement stating monthly rental amount, that utilities are included, and landlord contact information. (Rent costs must be greater than 30% of current household 30-day gross income).

\*Additional documentation may be necessary for Furnace Assistance, Fuel Funds Programs, and Home Weatherization (IHWAP)

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