

Home Heating Assistance

NJ SHARES New Jersey Statewide Heating Assistance and Referral for Energy Services (New Jersey SHARES) is a non-profit organization charged with a mission to provide assistance to individuals and families living in New Jersey who are in need of temporary help in paying their energy bills. Call **1-866-NJSHARES** or visit <http://www.njshares.org/whereToApply/index.aspx> to find out how to apply.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) is designed to help low-income families and individuals meet home heating and medically necessary cooling costs. This year, the application period is November 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009.

The Universal Service Fund (USF) is a program created by the State of New Jersey to help make natural gas and electric bills more affordable for low-income households. If you are eligible, USF can lower the amount you pay for gas and electricity.

For further information on LIHEAP and the USF or to locate the nearest application agency, call **800-510-3102** or **609-292-6140**. Additional information about LIHEAP and USF, including an application, is also available at <http://www.energyassistance.nj.gov>

NJ Weatherization Program Assists elderly, handicapped and low-income persons in weatherizing their homes, improving their heating system efficiency and conserving energy. Call **609-633-2378** or visit www.state.nj.us/dca/dcr/forms/wealist.doc to find a service provider near you.