

Chester County
2008-2009
Heating Assistance Guide

Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

Agency: Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare

Chester County: Chester County Assistance Office

LIHEAP Hotline: 1-866-857-7095

Website: <http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/ServicesPrograms/LIHEAP/>

Description: The Pennsylvania Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps low income people pay their heating bills through home heating energy assistance grants and crisis grants.

Weatherization Grant (Through LIHEAP)

Description: A person must qualify for LIHEAP. The County Assistance Office then reviews the application, checks a specific box, and submits the application to Harrisburg. The Housing Development Corporation then contacts the client regarding this service.

Winter Fuel Assistance Program

Agency: Housing Partnership of Chester County

Description: This program targets seniors and families with small children, with household incomes below 30% of the median income.

Phone: (610) 518-1522

Website: <http://www.housingpartnershipcc.com/Fuel.html>

Agency: Salvation Army of West Chester

Description: This program targets people in need of assistance with heating fuel and other basic needs.

Phone: (610) 696-8746

Agency: Oxford Area Neighborhood Services Center

Description: This program targets people in need of assistance with heating fuel and other basic needs.

Phone: (610) 932-8557

Agency: Phoenixville Area Community Services

Description: This program targets people in need of assistance with heating fuel and other basic needs.

Phone: (610) 933-1105

Website: <http://www.pacsphx.org>

Agency: Catholic Social Services

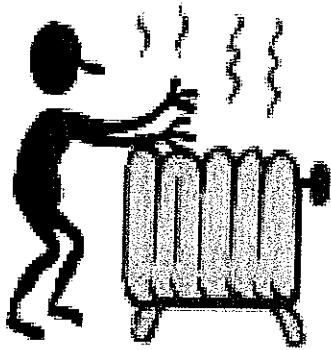
Description: This program targets people in need of assistance with heating fuel and other basic needs.

Phone: (610) 344-7028 (Coatesville and West Chester)

Agency: Salvation Army Extension

Description: This program targets people in need of assistance with heating fuel and other basic needs.

Phone: (610) 383-0868



Getting LIHEAP in Chester County

LIHEAP is the **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program**. This program helps low-income families pay their heating bills.

To receive help:

- You don't need to be on welfare
- You don't need to have an unpaid heating bill
- You can either rent or own your home

LIHEAP is taking (new) applications beginning November 3, 2008.

If you received LIHEAP last year you must reapply this year, but you can submit your re-application NOW

There are three parts of LIHEAP. You can get all three.

1. **Cash grants.** The minimum grant amount awarded is **\$300** up to **\$2,600** depending on household size. Payments are sent directly to the heating vendor to credit your account.
2. **Crisis grants.** These grants are up to **\$800** and given to families who have an emergency and/or are in danger of being without heat.
3. **Weatherization grants.** These grants help families insulate their houses and repair or replace heating systems to save money on heating.

To apply for LIHEAP, contact the Chester County Assistance Office (CAO) at 100 James Buchanan Drive in Thorndale or Apply on-line at www.compass.state.pa.us.

It usually takes 45 days to process an application for a Cash grant.

You are eligible for the Cash or Crisis grants if your yearly income before taxes is less than

Household Size	Yearly Income
1	\$23,110
2	\$30,221
3	\$37,332
4	\$44,443
5	\$51,554
6	\$58,665
7	\$59,998
8	\$61,332

To apply for a Crisis grant or to make an inquiry about the status of your LIHEAP application, call 1-866-857-7095