

# UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



If you live in a low-income household or are undergoing a hardship, you may qualify for support in paying utility bills. Most electric, gas, water, phone, and internet companies offer assistance programs. See the Programs in your individual County at [www.puc.pa.gov](http://www.puc.pa.gov).



## STATE UTILITY PROGRAMS:

- Budget Billing
- Customer Assistance Program (CAP)
- Customer Assistance Referral and Evaluation Program (CARES)
- Low Income Usage Reduction Program (LIURP)
- Hardship Funds
- Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission



## FEDERAL UTILITY PROGRAMS:

- Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Lifeline Program from the FCC
- [www.usa.gov](http://www.usa.gov), Department of Housing and Urban Development



## COVID-19 RENTAL ASSISTANCE

### Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

-The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 included funding for states to establish emergency rental assistance programs. Pennsylvania received approximately \$569 million to administer assistance to renters, landlords, and utility providers who have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and economic insecurity. On February 5, 2021, Governor Wolf signed S.B. 109 into law, which officially designated the Department of Human Services (DHS) as the agency overseeing administration of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) for the 49 counties that did not receive direct allocations. Pennsylvanians can apply through COMPASS