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MORE INFORMATION ON LIHEAP

How does LIHEAP work?

LIHEAP offers both cash and crisis grants, and is open for application starting November 3, 2008. The program closes March 31, 2009. The length of the program may change depending on availability of funding and other factors.

Cash Grants

Cash grants help families pay their heating bills. The grant payment is sent directly to your utility company or fuel provider, and it will be credited on your bill. (In some cases, the check may be mailed to you directly.)

Crisis Grants

Crisis grants help families who have an emergency and are in danger of being without heat.

Emergency situations include:

- Having broken heating equipment, (like a furnace) or leaking lines
- A fuel shortage that may leave you without heat
- Having utility service shut off

If you have a heating emergency please call your local county assistance office.

How do I apply?

- Apply online at: www.compass.state.pa.us
- Call the Statewide LIHEAP Hotline at 1-866-857-7095 or TDD for the hearing impaired 1-800-451-5886
- Applications are available at your local county assistance office

To apply, you will need

- Names of people in your household
- Dates of birth for all household members
- Social Security Numbers for all household members
- Proof of income for members of your household
- A recent heating bill

You can apply for and renew your benefits at www.compass.state.pa.us or contact:
Cambria County Assistance Office, 625 Main St., Johnstown 533-2253
Somerset County Assistance Office, 164 Staybrook St., Somerset 443-3683