
Your LIHEAP Is In Crisis

Smaller Grants • Shorter Application Period • Tighter Requirements

No Grants When Most Needed

Pennsylvania's Department of Public Welfare (DPW) is proposing smaller Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) grants, less time to apply, no grants before Dec. 1, and no grants when shut-offs resume.

Their proposal is cruel and heartless. More money is available this year as compared to last year. LIHEAP is funded with Federal, not state, money.

Pennsylvania has money but not the desire.

	Last Year	Proposed For This Year
Cash grants	\$300 minimum	\$100 minimum
Crisis grants	\$800 maximum	\$300 maximum
Available funds	\$1.7 billion	\$2.4 billion
Cash application period	Nov. 3 – April 3	Dec. 1 – Jan. 3
Crisis application period	Nov. 3 – April 3	Jan. 4 – March 15

If these changes go through, thousands of families will lose the help they need during this recession and seniors will be left with bills they can't afford.

DPW is holding hearings that are open to the public, so join us and make your voice heard before the plan is approved.

<p>Harrisburg Rally Health and Welfare Building Room 907, 9th Floor Commonwealth and Forster St. Harrisburg, PA August 24, 2009 at 9:30am- 1pm</p>	<p>Philadelphia Rally Philadelphia Workforce Development Corp. 1 Penn Ctr. 1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd. Philadelphia, PA Aug. 25, 2009 at 10:00am-1pm</p>
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