



## IF YOU HAVE MA YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THESE

- *This list focuses on basic needs, utilities, and financial hardships.*
- *Persons not eligible for MA may also be eligible.*
- *Contact each for specific eligibility and services information.*
- *Many are statewide.*
- *Inclusion on this list does not imply an endorsement.*

**Affordable Connectivity Program Providing Low-Income Households With Discounts For Their Home Internet Bills** 1-877-384-2575 or <https://dced.pa.gov/programs-funding/broadband-in-pennsylvania/affordable-connectivity-program/>

**Child Care Works** [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Works-Program.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Children/Pages/Child-Care-Works-Program.aspx)

The subsidized childcare program helps low-income families pay their child care fees. The state and federal governments fund this program, which is managed by the Early Learning Resource Center (ELRC, [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/ELRCs.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/ELRCs.aspx)) office located in your county.

**Dollar Energy Fund** [www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania/](http://www.dollarenergy.org/need-help/pennsylvania/)

At that link you can select your utility provider to learn about available programs.

**Employment & Training Programs** [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/ET.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/ET.aspx)

Pennsylvania's employment and training programs are designed to help you start and succeed on your career pathway.

**EARN (Employment, Advancement and Retention Network)**

[www.partner4work.org/programs/employment-advancement-retention-network-earn](http://www.partner4work.org/programs/employment-advancement-retention-network-earn)

**Lifeline (Phone) Program for Low-Income Consumers** is a federal government benefit that provides eligible households with a monthly discount on their phone or internet bill. 1-800-234-9473 or [www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers](http://www.fcc.gov/general/lifeline-program-low-income-consumers)

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) has a pilot program for summer cooling assistance** that includes the free installation, repair or replacement of Energy-star rated window air conditioning units or fans. It may also include the repair or replacement of a heat pump or central air conditioning system.

Homeowners or renters who qualified for emergency LIHEAP heating grants or weatherization assistance in 2022-2023 may be eligible. Applicants can contact [Action Housing](http://www.actionhousing.org) (412-281-2102) and ask for a weatherization program application.

**LIHEAP and Crisis Grants** “...(LIHEAP) helps families living on low incomes pay their heating bills in the form of a cash grant. Households in immediate danger of being without heat can also qualify for crisis grants. The cash grant is a one-time payment sent directly to the utility company/fuel provider to be credited on your bill. These grants range from \$300 to \$1,000 based on household size, income, and fuel type. Remember: This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.” Call the County Assistance Office (COA) in Allegheny County at 412-565-2146 or visit [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx)

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### **MATP (Medical Assistance Transportation Program)**

“If you live in Allegheny County and are receiving Medicaid, you may be eligible for free public transportation (bus, subway, incline) ahead of time tickets, or reimbursement for your use of public transportation/private vehicle, or free door-to-door service when medically necessary via a shared ride. MATP is required by law to provide the least costly, most appropriate transportation service available.” Click here for application information:

<https://connect.alleghenycounty.us/food-transportation-and-other-essentials/> Scroll down to “Start with the Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)”

For statewide information: <http://matp.pa.gov/Default.aspx>

For county contacts across PA: <http://matp.pa.gov/CountyContact.aspx>

**Museums and attractions...** <https://isacpittsburgh.org/access-card-perks/> (412-742-4200) and [www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/Pages/Museums-For-All-.aspx](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/Museums/Pages/Museums-For-All-.aspx)

*Free or reduced (usually 1-3 dollars) includes [Carnegie Museum of Art](#), [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#), [Carnegie Science Center](#), [Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh](#), [The Frick Pittsburgh, Mattress Factory](#), [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#), [Pittsburgh Botanic Garden](#), [Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium](#). Confirm current participation before going.*

**Project Prom** [www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/News-Events/Events/Project-Prom.aspx](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/Human-Services/News-Events/Events/Project-Prom.aspx) Provides for free prom attire.

**Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program** Downtown Pittsburgh office, 412-565-7540 and Greentree office, 412-929-0614 or

[www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.revenue.pa.gov/IncentivesCreditsPrograms/PropertyTaxRentRebateProgram/Pages/default.aspx)

**PA Public Utility Commission (PUC) Utility Assistance Programs / Customer Assistance Programs (CAP)** [www.puc.pa.gov/about-the-puc/consumer-education/utility-assistance-programs/](http://www.puc.pa.gov/about-the-puc/consumer-education/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. Review the types of programs below and contact your utility to see what is available for your household.”

**SafeLink wireless** “Get a FREE smartphone plus FREE unlimited talk, text and data every month! Lifeline (Phone) Program for Low” [www.safelinkwireless.com](http://www.safelinkwireless.com) 1-800-SafeLink (1-800-723-3546)

**“Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)...** WIC helps pregnant women, mothers and caregivers of infants and young children learn about good nutrition to keep themselves and their families healthy. It provides nutrition services, breastfeeding support, health care and social service referrals and healthy foods to eligible participants.” “Children under age 5 receiving medical assistance (MA) are eligible for

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WIC, regardless of parental income.” 1-800-942-9467

[www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx](http://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/WIC/Pages/WIC.aspx)

**Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)** helps Pennsylvanians buy food. 1-877-395-8930 or [www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/SNAP.aspx)

**TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families)** benefits.

[www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/TANF.aspx#:~:text=TANF%20is%20also%20referred%20to,them%20and%20care%20for%20them](http://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/TANF.aspx#:~:text=TANF%20is%20also%20referred%20to,them%20and%20care%20for%20them) “TANF is also referred to as cash assistance. The

TANF program provides money to help: Pregnant women, Dependent children and their parents who live with them, Dependent children and other relatives who live with them and care for them.”

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- Kingsley Association [www.kingsleyassociation.org/](http://www.kingsleyassociation.org/) 412-661-8751
- East End Cooperative Ministries (EECM) [www.eecm.org/gethelp](http://www.eecm.org/gethelp) 412-361-5549
- Allegheny Valley Association of Churches [www.avaoc.org/](http://www.avaoc.org/) 724-226-0606
- Catholic Charities [www.ccpqh.org/about](http://www.ccpqh.org/about) 412-456-6999
- Focus on Renewal (FOR) <https://forstorox.org/> 412-331-1685
- Hebrew Free Loan Association of Pittsburgh <https://hflapqh.org/> 412-212-8682
- North Hills Community Outreach [www.nhco.org/](http://www.nhco.org/) 412-487-6316
- Pittsburgh Presbytery Lazarus Fund [www.pqhpresbytery.org/justice-ministries/lazarus\\_fund/](http://www.pqhpresbytery.org/justice-ministries/lazarus_fund/) 412-323-1400
- Salvation Army Western PA Division <https://easternusa.salvationarmy.org/western-pennsylvania/> 1-800-SAL-ARMY
- SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Ministries) <https://shimcares.org/about/> 412- 854-9120
- Society of St Vincent de Paul Council of Pittsburgh <https://svdppitt.org/> 412-321-1071
- Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh <https://ulpqh.org/> 412-227-4802
- Jaimes Dream Team [www.jamiesdreamteam.org/](http://www.jamiesdreamteam.org/) 412-377-3898
- Twilight Wishes (seniors) <https://twilightwish.org/twilight-wish-granting/> 1-877-893-9474
- ASERT Funding and Grants For Children With Disabilities <https://paautism.org/resource/funding-grants-money/>

Also refer to:

- Allegheny Connect at <https://connect.alleghenycounty.us/>
- Allegheny County Department of Human Services brochure [www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442459517](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442459517)
- ODS resource list [www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442467071](http://www.alleghenycounty.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=6442467071)
- United Way 2-1-1 (dial 211)