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The Office of Home Energy Programs (OHEP) provides assistance to Maryland's low-income households to make energy costs more affordable and to help with the prevention of loss and the restoration of home energy service. OHEP provides three separate grants.

MEAP

The Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP) provides financial assistance with home heating bills. Payments are made to the fuel supplier and utility company on the customer's behalf.

EUSP

The Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) provides financial assistance with electric bills. Eligible customers receive help that pays a portion of their current electric bills. Customers who receive EUSP are placed on a budget billing plan with their utility company.

Budget Billing is a mechanism that utility companies provide to help manage electric bills. Budget billing helps spread out year annual utility bills into even monthly payments. Please check with your Utility Company on eligibility requirements and budget billing policy.

Arrearage Retirement Assistance helps customers with large, past due electric bills. If eligible, customers may receive forgiveness of up to \$2,000 towards their past due bill. Customers must have a past due bill of \$300 or greater to be considered eligible. Customers may only receive an arrearage grant once every seven years, with certain exceptions.

USPP

The Utility Service Protection Program (USPP) is designed to protect low-income families from utility turn-offs during the heating season. All MEAP eligible customers may participate in USPP. Participation also requires a year-round even monthly budget billing. Failure to make consecutive payments may result in removal from USPP.

Weatherization

Weatherization and Energy Efficiency Services-customer information is referred to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) for programs that can provide improvements and repairs to homes at no cost. These improvements can help lower utility bills and make the home more comfortable. DHCD's energy efficiency and weatherization programs support the EmPOWER Maryland Energy Efficiency Act. For more information, call 1-855-583-8976 or visit <http://dhcd.maryland.gov/Residents/Pages/lieep>.



For information call toll free:
1-800-332-6347 (en Español también)

TTY for the hearing impaired call:
1-800-735-2258

Check out our website at:
www.dhr.maryland.gov/ohep

Apply online at:
www.mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us
Call 1-443-378-4000 to report fraud

Need Help with
Paying Heating and
Electric Bills?



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Effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017



How to Apply

Customers may apply at any time through any one of the following methods:

-  Apply in person at your local energy assistance office.
-  Receive an application by mail.
-  Download and print an application for Energy Assistance at www.dhr.maryland.gov/ohep.
-  Apply online at www.mydhrbenefits.dhr.state.md.us.
-  Home visits can also be arranged for senior citizens or other persons with special medical needs.
-  To find the Office of Home Energy Programs nearest you and other information on how to apply, call 1-800-332-6347.

What You Need to Apply

-  Copy of Applicant's photo identification
-  Proof of Residency
-  Copies of Social Security cards for all household members
-  Proof of your household's total Gross income for the last 30 day period
-  A copy of your most recent Utility bill or termination notice (if applicable)
-  A copy of your most recent heating fuel bill or receipt (if applicable)

Facts to Know

-  Grants do not have to be paid back.
-  Grant amounts vary by income level of the household applying and by fuel type.
-  If you live in subsidized housing and your heat is included in your rent, you are not eligible for a MEAP grant, but you may be eligible for a EUSP grant.
-  In order to get an EUSP grant, the Electric bill must be in the applicant's name and you must agree to a budget billing payment plan.
-  Continue to make payments on all your energy bills so you will not get behind on these bills.

Income Eligibility Standards

Income Eligibility Limits Effective July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017		
HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MAXIMUM MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS	MAXIMUM YEARLY INCOME STANDARDS
1	\$1,733	\$20,790
2	\$2,336	\$28,035
3	\$2,940	\$35,280
4	\$3,544	\$42,525
5	\$4,148	\$49,770
6	\$4,751	\$57,015
7	\$5,356	\$64,278
8	\$5,963	\$71,558
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON, ADD	\$607	\$7,280

Energy Saving Tips

-  Turn things off when you are not in the room such as lights, TVs, entertainment systems, and your computer and monitor. Use power strips to make it easy to turn off multiple appliances at once.
-  Install a programmable thermostat to lower utility bills and manage your heating and cooling systems efficiently. Set the temperature at 68 degrees in winter and 78 degrees in summer.
-  Wash only full loads of dishes and clothes and let them air dry.
-  Visit www.energysavers.gov for more energy-saving ideas.



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