



New Jersey SHARES

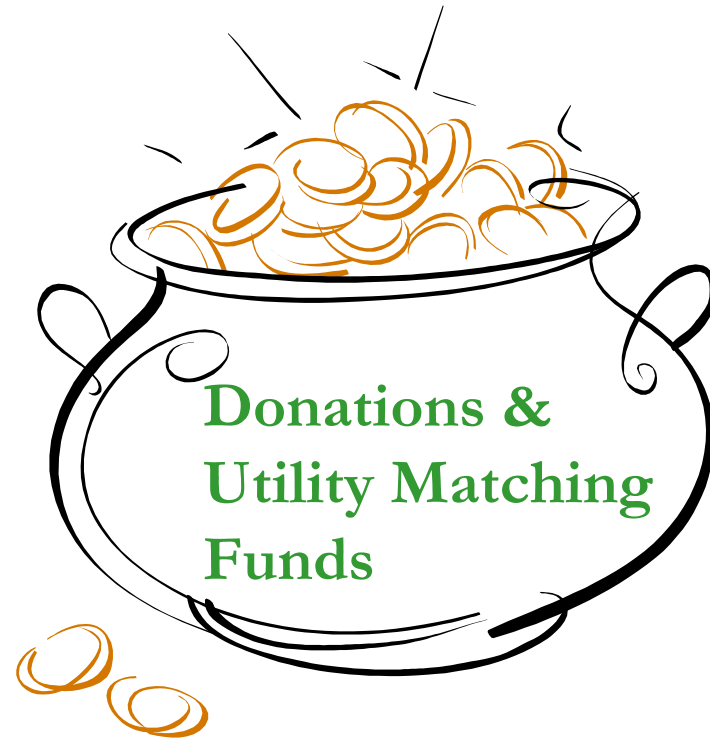
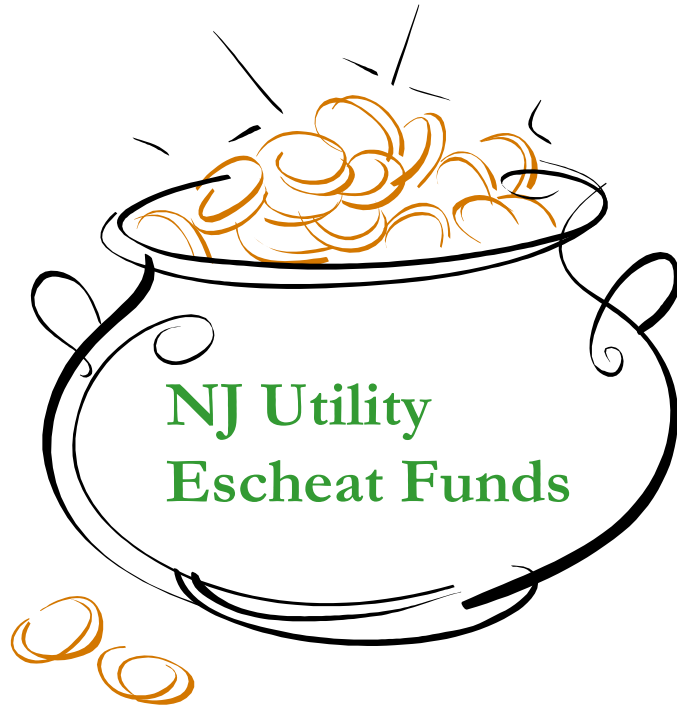
New Jersey SHARES(NJS) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established in 1998 to assist our neighbors who have fallen behind on their natural gas and electric utility bills due to a temporary financial crisis.



Our Programs

- NJS is the statewide energy fund assisting natural gas and electric customers throughout NJ. We partner with all of the regulated energy utilities in NJ.
- NJS assists United Water Company residential customers experiencing a temporary financial crisis in eight states.
- NJS provides statewide outreach and client services for the Verizon NJ Communications Lifeline Program.

Energy Program Funding



NJS Energy Program

A financial crisis can happen to anyone regardless of age, income, or household situation. NJS helps those who do not qualify for other energy assistance programs. Households that are receiving LIHEAP and/or NJ Universal Service Fund credits are not eligible for the NJS program.

- Applicants demonstrate a temporary financial need.
- Clients have made a good faith payment of \$100 within 90 days prior to applying.



GRANTS

- Maximum grant of \$700 for natural gas
- Maximum grant of \$300 for electric
- Maximum grant of \$700 for electric heating

Grants must continue or restore service.



Our Process

- A client fills out an application at one of our 165 intake sites throughout NJ.
- The intake site submits the web-based application and forwards (scan or fax) the back up documentation to NJS.
- NJS verifies information with the utility company and follows up with the client.
- NJS transmits grants directly to the utility company.

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Energy Assistance Program

November 1998 – April 2007

- **Assisted more than 124,100 households**
- **Awarded grants in excess of \$39,700,000**



NJ SHARES Communications Lifeline Program



Staff is available to answer calls regarding the Lifeline program, eligibility and enrollment opportunities M-F 9AM-6 PM . Bi-lingual representatives and a language line are available to assist clients.

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