



# Community Resources Offering Utility Assistance

1. Shelby County's Community Services Agency (CSA) distributes funds available through the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LiHEAP). The CSA provides emergency and non-emergency assistance. For information and to apply visit: <https://www.shelbycountycsa.org/services/energy-assistance>.
  - a. **NOTE:** Residents who received assistance from the CSA between October 1, 2019 and today are not eligible to apply for assistance again until October 1, 2020.
2. The Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association (MIFA) provides one-time, emergency utility assistance through MLGW's Plus-1 program. Visit MIFA's website to read over qualifications and apply: [mifa.org/applyonline](http://mifa.org/applyonline).
  - a. The Memphis Mayor's Office in conjunction with the Memphis City Council provided an additional \$3.5 million in CARES Act funds for MIFA to distribute. Apply at [mifa.org/applyonline](http://mifa.org/applyonline) or at your nearest Memphis Public Library.
3. A [Childcare Payment Assistance Program](#) is also available through the State of Tennessee. The program provides essential workers access to child care at no cost.
4. The YMCA of the Mid-South is offering live, virtual learning support for students. There is no cost for essential employees. Tutoring, meals and other activities are also available. Registration is open now. [Click here for details](#).
5. Residents facing eviction can find a list of resources, or make an appointment to speak to a counselor, on the [Greater Memphis Financial Empowerment Center's website](#).
6. United Way of the Mid-South is committed to serving during the COVID-19 crisis. United Way's Relief Call Center is powered by Driving The Dream. Our Call Center was created to connect people to critical services so families can receive basic life supports. Call 1-888-709-0630 or complete an online request at [drivingthedream.org](http://drivingthedream.org) to receive access to a network of services.
7. "Welcome to Memphis" COVID-19 Relief Fund offers up to \$300 for those who work in the hospitality industry. Visit [WelcometoMemphis.org](http://WelcometoMemphis.org) for information and to apply.



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8. Arts Memphis is providing financial assistance to local artists impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. As much as \$1,000 is available for individuals. Applications will be taken beginning September 14, 2020. Visit [artsmemphis.org](http://artsmemphis.org) for information and to apply.
9. Grants for \$10,000 to \$25,000 are available through the City of Memphis – Office of Business Diversity and Compliance. Applications must be emailed. [Click here for information.](#)
10. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul offers utility assistance to residents of Memphis when funding is available. Contact the society at 722-4703 or 274-2137.
11. The Millington Crisis Center Ministry offers emergency utility assistance when funding is available. Contact them at 872-4357.
12. The Navy – Marine Corps Relief Society – NSA – Mid-South Base – Emergency Financial Assistance provides utility and other assistance for active duty and retired military personnel, their widows and spouses with power of attorney. (Services are also provided for: Army Emergency Relief, Air Force Aid Society and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance.) Call 874-7350 or visit <https://www.nmcrs.org/> for information.
13. The Sickle Cell Foundation of Tennessee offers utility assistance (up to \$100) for sickle cell patients. **Note:** funds are available for sickle cell patients, persons with the trait only are not eligible for assistance. Call 552-4267 for help.