

Community Resources Offering Utility Assistance

- 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: <u>https://www.shelbycountycsa.org/services/energy-assistance</u>.
 - 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: <u>https://www.mifa.org/emergencyassistanceeligibility</u>.
- The state of Tennessee is providing emergency cash assistance for individuals and families who have lost job income due to COVID-19. Visit the <u>Tennessee Department of</u> <u>Human Resources website</u> for information.
 - a. **NOTE:** The deadline to apply is extended to August 29, 2020.
 - b. If you receive assistance through Tennessee's "Families First" program you can still apply for Emergency Cash Assistance.
- A <u>Childcare Payment Assistance Program</u> is also available through the State of Tennessee. The program provides essential workers access to child care at no cost. If you are interested, you can apply through mid-August.
- 5. Residents facing eviction can find a list of resources, or make an appointment to speak to a counselor, on the <u>Greater Memphis Financial Empowerment Center's website</u>.
- 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 <u>drivingthedream.org</u> to receive access to a network of services.



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- 7. 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.
- 8. The Millington Crisis Center Ministry offers emergency utility assistance when funding is available. Contact them at 872-4357.
- 9. 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 <u>https://www.nmcrs.org/</u> for information.
- 10. 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.