HELPFUL COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Financial Coaching (FREE & available through JFunds)
Discuss: Saving/investing • Credit score improvement • Home purchasing guidance • Debt management • Budgeting/spending plans • Student loan. Individual appointments via phone, Zoom, or Skype
HFLApgh.org/ financial-coaching

JFCS Critical Need Hotline
Support and guidance for food, career services, counseling, eldercare, special needs, navigating benefits
critical@jfcspgh.org 412.742.4215

Hebrew Free Loan Association
Provides 0%-interest LOANS up to $10,000 for major expenses such as car purchase or repair, home improvement or repair, tuition, life-cycle events, credit card consolidation, adoption/fertility, or small business
HFLAPGH.org 412.422.8868

JFCS Squirrel Hill Food Pantry
Food assistance for the 15217 area and emergency food or kosher food outside of the 15217 area
JFCSpgh.org/services/squirrel-hill-food-pantry/clients 412.421.2708
828 Hazelwood Avenue Pittsburgh, 15217

Jewish Assistance Fund
Providing the local Jewish community with financial assistance for immediate and pressing expenses
JewishAssistanceFund.org 412.521.3237

Jewish Scholarship Service of Greater Pittsburgh
Provides Jewish students with tuition assistance in their pursuit of higher education. Check for deadlines.
jfcsphg.org/services/scholarships

AgeWell
Info/Referral to services for Seniors: Meals, Transportation, Wellness, Health, Care, Safety
Agewellpgh.org 412.422.0400

Aleph Institute
Offering services to imprisoned Jewish men and women and their families.
Alphne.org 412-421-0111 Emergency: 412-860-0927
BigBurgh

*Pittsburgh’s online source for a wide range of available services for youth & adults (jobs, housing financial, food, health, safe places)*

[BigBurgh.com](http://www.bigburgh.com)

Blessing Board

*Free furniture*

[blessingboard.org](http://blessingboard.org) 412.646.4786

Center for Women

*A resource for women in transition*

[centerforwomenpgh.org](http://centerforwomenpgh.org) 412.422.4400

Drive On

*Drive On is a not-for-profit that repairs vehicles at no cost for those in need*

[driveon412.com](http://driveon412.com)

Free Store

*Redistributing surplus and donated goods to neighbors in need*

[www.freestore15104.org](http://www.freestore15104.org) 420 Braddock Ave, Braddock, 15104 (open to all communities) 201.532.1722

[www.freestorewilkinsburg.org](http://www.freestorewilkinsburg.org) 619 Penn Avenue Wilkinsburg, 15221 412.436.9836

Jeremiah’s Place

*FREE, temporary care of young children ages 0-6 for up to 72 hours*

[jeremiahsplace.org](http://jeremiahsplace.org) 412.924.0726

Jewish Association on Aging

*Continuum of care offering home healthcare and residential services*

[jaapgh.org](http://jaapgh.org) 200 JHF Drive, Pittsburgh, 15217 412.420.4000

Jewish Residential Services

*Support for individuals with psychiatric or intellectual disabilities*

[Jrspgh.org](http://jrspgh.org) 412.325.0039

JFunds

*A network of Jewish Financial support services*

[JFundsPgh.org](http://www.jfundsgh.org)
Just Harvest
*Helps with filing taxes, finding healthy food, getting food stamps,*
Justharvest.org  412.431.8960

LifeSpan
*Support services for residents of Allegheny County 60 and over*
http://www.lifespanpa.org  412.464.1300

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
*Helps low-income families pay heating bills*  866.857.7095

Neighborhood Legal Services Association
*Providing free legal services to low income individuals and families*
pittsburghprobono.org/Neighborhood_Legal_Services_Association.asp

Off the Floor Pittsburgh
*The furniture bank of Southwest PA*
offthefloorpgh.org  412.926.5053

Pittsburgh Food Bank
*Search by zip code or neighborhood name to find your local food pantries & emergency food distribution*
pittsburghfoodbank.org/get-help/

RESOLVE
*24-hour Crisis Network*
888-7-YOU CAN (1-888-796-8226)

Squirrel Hill Health Center
*Comprehensive healthcare for all income levels and insurance status*
squirrelhillhealthcenter.org
Medical appointments: 412.422.7442  Dental appointments: 412.697.7997

St Vincent De Paul
*Clothing, household goods, and more. Helpful listing of other resources.*
.svdpitt.org  412.321.1071  Additional Resources http://svdpitt.org/additional-resources/

Thriftique/NCJW
*Resale clothing, furniture, home decor, housewares, and more*
125 51st Street, Lawrenceville *(FREE on-site parking and available by public transit)*
ncjwthriftique.com  412.742.4951
Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard
Making veterans lives better and connecting them with resources and networks
VeteransPlaceUSA.org  412.363.0500

10.27 Healing Partnership
A safe haven for all seeking help and healing from trauma
1027healingpartnership.org  412.697.3534

Beth Shalom’s Medical Devices Gemah
Providing loans of medical devices to people in need in the Pittsburgh Area.
BethShalomPgh/MedicalDevices

University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine
Comprehensive and emergency care for children and adults by appointment. Some financial assistance may be available for uninsured children on an as needed basis.

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Financial Resources for Utility, Housing, Health Insurance, Burial Expenses

COMPASS  COMPASS HHS Home (state.pa.us)
The fast and easy way to access benefits - anytime and anywhere
COMPASS is an online tool for Pennsylvanians to apply for many health and human service programs and manage benefit information.

Go to this site to:
Renew benefits
Low income water assistance program
LIHEAP
Emergency Rental Assistance

Water Assistance Program (New-as of January 2022)
LIHWAP  www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHWAP.aspx

Assistance is available for families who have past due water bills, had their service terminated, or received a notice indicating that their service will be terminated in the next 60 days. Households can receive LIHWAP grants for both drinking water service and wastewater service. Grants are issued directly to water service providers, and families must meet income requirements.

Receiving utility assistance through another program like the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) does not prevent a household from receiving assistance through LIHWAP as long as the applicant meets LIHWAP eligibility criteria.

Income guidelines for the program are as follows:
See the website for more info

LIHWAP is a new, temporary assistance program established through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021. These funds are part of the nation’s continued response to families experiencing financial difficulties due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Pennsylvania received approximately $43.2 million to assist families who have lost or are at risk of losing water service in their homes.

For the complete article, go to:  https://www.media.pa.gov/Pages/DHS_details.aspx?newsid=782

Heating Assistance/LIHEAP
https://www.dhs.pa.gov/Services/Assistance/Pages/LIHEAP.aspx

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (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 $500 to $1,500 based on household size, income, and fuel type. Remember: This is a grant and does not have to be repaid.
The Pennsylvania Homeowner Assistance Fund, or PAHAF, is a housing-related program funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to assist Pennsylvania homeowners facing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic that began after January 21, 2020, (including a hardship that began before January 21, 2020, and continued after that date). The program will provide financial assistance to homeowners for qualified mortgage and housing-related expenses to avoid delinquency, default, foreclosure, or displacement.

To qualify:
- The home must be your primary residence
- You must have experienced a financial hardship that occurred after Jan. 21, 2020;
- You must have a household income below 150% of the area median income, roughly $127,200 annually for a family of four in Allegheny County

The funds will be paid directly to lenders and mortgage servicers directly, not to homeowners.

What is Pennsylvania’s Health Insurance Marketplace (Pennie)?
https://pennie.com/

Pennie is a key part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and operates the official health insurance marketplace for Pennsylvania. Pennie is a place where individuals and families can shop for coverage that meets their needs. Individuals purchasing insurance through Pennie may be eligible for financial assistance to help them pay for coverage.

Financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses
https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance
844-684-6333

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA is providing financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses.

NOTE: Current as of January 2022
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