

Erie County Residents with Low-Moderate Income, renters or homeowners:

If you need:

1. Reduced energy bill
 - a. Immediately – HEAP, Utility Energy Funds, Utility EAP, Temporary Assistance
 - b. Across the year – Utility Budget Plan
 - c. Soon – Home Energy Assessment and Direct Installs, Community Solar Program
2. Weatherization/Insulation
 - a. Soon – Empower+, NYSEG Sealed
 - b. Within the next year –WAP
 - c. Rebates – IRA tax credit, National Grid in-store rebates
3. Furnace Repair/Replacement
 - a. Immediately (Oct 1 – May 31)
 - i. Heating Equipment Repair or Replacement Benefit from HEAP
 - ii. Empower+ (after HERR)
 - b. Within the next year – WAP
 - c. Rebates – Clean Heat, IRA Tax Credit, NYSEG, National Fuels, National Grid
4. Hot Water Heater Repair or Replacement
 - a. Soon – Empower+
 - b. Within the next year – WAP
 - c. Rebates – IRA Tax Credit, NYSEG, National Fuels, National Grid
5. Windows
 - a. Soon – Comfort Home after insulation installation
 - b. Within the next year – WAP
 - c. Rebates – IRA Tax Credit for windows and doors
6. Appliances
 - a. Soon
 - i. Empower+: refrigerators and dehumidifiers
 - ii. (Doctor’s note required) HEAP Cooling Assistance/WAP: Air Conditioner
 - b. Rebates
 - i. IRA Tax Credit: stoves, dryers, and HVAC
 - ii. NYSEG: stoves, pool pumps and heaters, and dryers
 - iii. National Fuels: dyers
7. Lead and Radon
 - a. Testing – Healthy Neighborhoods Program
 - b. Remediation and renovation– LEADS SAFE Erie (income, ZIP code, child, and home age eligibility)
 - c. Lead Court – Erie County residents seeking legal aid against landlords
8. Structural Repairs
 - a. Buffalo – BEHIP or BURA
 - b. Amherst, Cheektowaga, Tonawanda, Hamburg –Community Development Block/HOME
 - c. Boston, Brant, Colden, **Collins, Concord**, Eden, Evans, Holland, North Collins, **Sardinia** – Southtowns Rural Preservation or Rural Revitalization for bold
 - d. Erie County – Environment & Planning, NeighborWorks, Habitat for Humanity critical repair

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Program	Empower+	Comfort Home	Clean Heat	NY Sun	Weatherization Assistance Program
Primary Benefit	Weatherization, electrification, direct installation of energy saving tools	Insulation and Windows, step-wise process	Heat Pumps for whole home heating and hot water	Community Solar and Solar Loans	Weatherization, electrification, windows
Income Eligibility	Low Income (60%AMI): 100% coverage for \$10,000 Med Income (80%AMI): 50% coverage for \$5,000	No, based on rebates	No, based on rebates and tax credits	Empower+ recipients are automatically enrolled in Community Solar. Loans have lower rates for Med Income.	60%AMI, priority for seniors, kids, disabled people
Energy Assessment	Required by approved contractor	Required by approved contractor	No	No	Yes, NiaCap approved contractors
Home Reqs.	Functioning roof	Functioning roof	Insulation minimum	No	Functioning roof
Link	EmPower+	Comfort Home	NYS Clean Heat	NY-Sun	WAP

Program	Home Energy Assistance Program	Healthy Neighborhoods Program	LEADS SAFE	NYSEG Sealed	Energy Assistance Program from Utility Provider (EAP)
Primary Benefit	Funds for heating, cooling, and powering home, Emergency furnace repair	Fire prevention, air quality, lead testing, fall prevention, asthma support, CO & smoke detectors	Remediation and replacement of hazardous lead fixtures, ex. windows, doors, paint, trim	Weatherization, electrification, windows with no upfront cost, \$1000 taken off bill	Balanced Billing , Utility Energy Funds , in-store rebates , appliances
Income Eligibility	Maximum Gross Monthly Income	No	Maximum Monthly Income	No, NYSEG customers only	Some programs have same requirements as HEAP
Home Reqs.	No	No, Leaf-free Homes List	Homes prior 1978, child under 6, structurally sound building	No	Must be customer of relevant utility
Link	HEAP	Healthy Neighborhoods	LEADS SAFE	NYSEG Sealed	NYSEG , National Grid , National Fuel

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