



## Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office *Utility Assistance Resources*

### ➤ HARCATUS Tri County Community Action Organization

HARCATUS is a non-profit corporation that serves the Ohio counties of Harrison, Carroll, and Tuscarawas. They partner with federal, state, and local governments, as well as other groups to develop, manage, and deliver human and social services for the betterment of our communities. Utility Assistance Programs through HARCATUS: Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus), Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP), Winter Crisis Program (WCP), and Summer Crisis Program (SCP).

**Percentage of Income Payment Plan Plus (PIPP Plus):** assists you in managing your energy bills year-round. You pay your energy bill each month based on a percentage of your income. PIPP Plus is an extended payment plan in which you pay a percentage of your income toward your home energy bills (i.e. electric and/or gas). Your PIPP payment will be set at 10% of the last 30 days of household income for households that heat with electric and 5% for households that heat with natural gas. Paying on-time and in-full each month reduces your outstanding balance. If you make 24 on-time and in-full payments, your outstanding balance with your utility company will be eliminated. **Eligibility:** you must receive residential, electric, or gas service from a company regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio AND have a total household income at or below 150% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (for all members, except wage or salary income earned by dependent minors under 18 years old).

**Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP):** a federally funded program designed to help income-eligible Ohioans with their winter heating bills. You receive a benefit in the form of a direct payment toward your main heating account (electric, gas, heating oil (bulk fuel bill, etc)). You apply anytime between July and June; however, benefits cannot begin until January. HEAP benefits are typically credited directly towards the eligible client's energy heating bill beginning in the month of January. Eligibility: Ohioans with a household income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines. Individuals may apply once a year, ONLY THROUGH July – June. **Eligibility:** Ohioans with a household income at or below 175 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

**Winter Crisis Program (WCP):** part of HEAP that provides a benefit once per heating season to an income-eligible Ohioan's main heating and/or electric accounts. The program can also assist with fuel tank placement, fuel tank testing and heating system repair. **Eligibility:** must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, your main heating and/or electric account must be disconnected (or have a pending disconnection notice), need to establish new service, need to pay to transfer service, or have 25% (or less) of bulk fuel supply remaining. Clients with a current medical certificate on file with their utility are ineligible to receive WCP assistance until the medical certificate protection expires. This program runs ONLY THROUGH November 1 - March 31. Apply anytime after the last week of October until March 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Summer Crisis Program (SCP):** part of HEAP that provides a benefit once per cooling season to an income-eligible Ohioan's electric bill, central air conditioning repairs, and for the purchase of fans and air conditioners. **Eligibility:** must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines with a household member over the age of 60 AND/OR a household member with a documented medical condition, OR a COVID-19 diagnosis in the last 12 months, OR a disconnect notice, OR has been shut off, OR are trying to establish new service on their electric bill OR require air conditioning. This program runs ONLY THROUGH July 1<sup>st</sup> – August 31<sup>st</sup>. Apply anytime after June 20<sup>th</sup> until August 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Contact Information:**

875 Blake Avenue, Suite #2 New Philadelphia, OH 44663

Complete the **ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS APPLICATION** either via paper, online, by appointment via phone or in-person to apply for the PIPP Plus and/or HEAP.

Call HARCATUS, (330) 343-8770, to apply for WCP and/or SCP.

➤ **Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board**

**Housing Assistance Program (HAP) Funding** can assist with utility assistance for persons with mental illness and/or addiction disorders. HAP funding is used for obtaining and/or maintaining housing as part of the recovery process, based on income and factors considered on an individual basis as necessary. You must have mental health or addiction involvement in treatment services and be following your treatment plan. This program provides funding for utility-related needs as well. Whether you need assistance paying for this month's utility bill, utility bills in which you now have a disconnect notice for, collections utility bill(s) that are preventing you from obtaining housing due to the utility provider wanting you to pay off your collections bill before opening a new service, etc. This funding should come as a secondary to HARCATUS. If you are not able to obtain assistance through HARCATUS, you can apply for this ADAMHS Board funding.

***Contact Information:***

Contact Mike at the ADAMHS Board, (330) 364-6488, to complete the application

➤ **Tuscarawas County Council for Church and Community (T-4-C)**

**T-4-C Emergency Assistance** provides rent, utility, food, prescription, infant necessities and gasoline assistance to county residents. The program is currently funded by the Reeves Foundation, the 1st United Methodist Church, NP and individual donors. T-4-C Emergency Assistance can assist individuals with paying up to \$75 of utility bills. You **MUST** have a disconnect notice in order to receive this assistance and a way to pay the other amount that will not be covered by the \$75 provided.

***Contact Information:***

Call T-4-C at (330) 343-6012 and inform them of your need for emergency assistance with a utility bill