



2021 - 2022

Clairton Municipal Authority Hardship Program

The **Clairton Municipal Authority Hardship Program**, which is administered by Dollar Energy Fund, assists eligible **Clairton Municipal Authority** customers who are in threat of termination or who have had their water service disconnected as a result of non-payment of their sewage bills. Customers may be eligible to receive a grant that's applied directly to their utility bill. Our program is a fund of last resort because it goes above and beyond what is available through federal, state and other programs. **Program guidelines and eligibility requirements are subject to change.**

Program Dates:

Open from **October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022**, for service that is **off or in threat of termination**.

Grants are dispersed on a first come, first serve basis to eligible applicants while funding is available.

Sincere Effort of Payment:

Applicants must have paid at least **\$100** on their account in the past three months.

Exceptions may be made in cases of extreme hardships.

Balance Requirement:

Applicants must have an outstanding balance on their utility bill of at least **\$100**.

Maximum Grant:

The maximum grant amount an applicant may receive is **\$200**.

Applicants can only receive **one grant every 12 months**.

Grant awards are based on need and each family's circumstances are different. Grant amounts are determined on a case-to-case basis.

If a customer's utility service is off or in threat of termination when they apply and the maximum grant amount will not restore service or stop termination, the application will be denied. The amount needed to restore service or stop a termination is determined by utility review. Notification will be sent to the customer advising them that their application was denied and that an additional payment is required in order to be considered for assistance.

Additional Guidelines:

- Account must be residential, single home or apartment. No "cooking only," commercial, industrial, or apartments with shared utility service. **The household is not eligible if it has a shared meter.**
- Name on account must be that of an adult who is currently living in the household.
- Dollar Energy Fund grants cannot be used to cover security deposits or reconnection fees.

Income Guidelines:

Total gross household income must be at or below **150%** of the **2022 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines*** as shown in the chart below.

Household Size	150% Monthly	150% Yearly
1	\$1,699	\$20,385
2	\$2,289	\$27,465
3	\$2,879	\$34,545
4	\$3,469	\$41,625
5	\$4,059	\$48,705
6	\$4,649	\$55,785
7	\$5,239	\$62,865
8	\$5,829	\$69,945
Each add'l add	\$590	\$7,080

**The 2022 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines took effect on February 1, 2022 and will remain in effect for the remainder of the program year.*



How to Apply:

If you meet the eligibility criteria outlined above, the best way to begin the process of receiving assistance is to contact one of our participating community based agencies to make an appointment to complete an application.

These dedicated agencies provide application intake services for clients. There are four organizations in the City of Clairton that will be assisting residents wishing to apply for grants. **Please call one of the agencies listed below to schedule an appointment to apply.**

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Karen Hines, Clairton Family Center:

Tuesdays, 10 am – 4 pm

734 Miller Ave | Clairton, PA 15205 | 412-233-3813

Doreen Johnson, Clairton Family Center:

Weekdays, 8 am – 11 am

734 Miller Ave | Clairton, PA 15205 | 412-233-8325

Karen Svetz, Representative Austin Davis' Clairton Office

Thursdays, 9 am – 4 pm at the Clairton Municipal Building
551 Ravensburg Blvd | Clairton, PA 15205 | 412-233-2505

Salvation Army – Braddock

300 Holland Avenue | Braddock, PA 15104 | 412-271-2407

South Hills Interfaith Ministries

5301 Park Avenue | Bethel Park, PA 15102 | 412-854-9120

Application Attachments:

- Verification of income, so please bring income documentation for all household members to your appointment (paystub, social security statement of benefits, unemployment notice, W2 statement, etc.)
- A copy of the most recent utility bill with proof of minimum payment.
- Notice showing sewage has been terminated *OR* a termination notice

About Dollar Energy Fund:

Dollar Energy Fund is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to improve the quality of life for households experiencing hardships by providing utility assistance and other services that lead to self-sufficiency. The organization works with dozens of utility companies in 14 states to assist families and individuals in need.

Visit www.dollarenergy.org to learn more.