

MISSION STATEMENT

United Communities Southeast Philadelphia is a non-profit agency in the settlement house tradition. Its mission is to work in partnership with its various communities for social and economic justice and to foster harmony for building self-sustaining communities through:

- * Advocacy that promotes member participation and leadership
- * Economic programs for enhancing community development
- * Social programs supporting individual and family well-being
- * Educational opportunities that advance skill development and knowledge building.

Admission and provision of services are made without regard to race, color, religious creed, handicap, political or union affiliation, marital status, sexual preference, ancestry, national origin or gender.

United Communities
Southeast Philadelphia

Houston Community Center

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Beacon @ Bok

Bok High School, 1900 S. 8th St., Rm. 103
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215-952-8549

Houston Community Center

2029 S. 8th St.
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101 Ellsworth St.
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The Kids Place

Bok High School, 1900 S. 8th St.
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Neighborhood Energy Center



If you would like to volunteer or make a contribution to United Communities, please call 215-468-6111.



We are proud to be a United Way
Community Impact Partner.

Our Donor Option Number is 00120

Saving Energy and Saving Money

LOW INCOME HEATING ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

The LIHEAP program is a federal program to help pay for primary or secondary heating costs once a program year. Homeowners and renters are eligible.

Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday, 9:30am-12:00pm. Evenings hours available by appointment only.

This program is usually open from November to March.

Bring with you proof of income for all household members, social security cards for all household members and recent utility bills.

LOW INCOME CONSERVATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LICAP)

The LICAP program is sponsored by the Philadelphia Water Department for low income customers. It provides minor plumbing repairs, water conservation devices and education for Water Department customers. This program is available for homeowners and renters.

Please have your water bill available when you call.

UTILITY EMERGENCY SERVICE FUND (UESF)

UESF helps people after all other public sources have been used for gas, electric and water bills listed in the client's name, or for which the client can show responsibility. The maximum grant is \$500.

- Client must have a shut-off notice or be in shut-off status which can be verified by the utility.
- Client must have applied for LIHEAP and Crisis grants, when available.
- Arrearage must be reduced to zero with UESF grant of \$500.
- May be used for more than one utility.
- Client may apply only once every 24 months.

Bring with you proof of income, shut-off notice or bill and social security cards for all household members.

**Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday
9:00-11:30 am.**

UESF IS PRIVATELY FUNDED

EMERGENCY FOOD AND SHELTER PROGRAM (EFSP)

The EFSP program provides emergency assistance for people needing rent, mortgage and utility assistance for one month back or current.

Orientations are held every Friday at 10:00am until funding runs out. Client can bring back paperwork Monday- Thursday from 2:00-4:00pm.

Please call to make sure funding is available.

Must be emergency situation to receive grant.

WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (WAP)

WAP is administered by the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) and provides free weatherization and energy conservation improvements for any fuel type, to both homeowners and renters (with written permission of landlord). ECA's program now includes electricity conservation in addition to heating and water heating conservation treatments.

Depending on the results of a free audit, services may include:

- Weather-stripping, caulking, repair of windows and doors
- Wrapping of hot water heaters, heating pipes and ducts
- Sealing of basement openings, crawl spaces and chase ways
- Insulation of the roof area and bays
- Efficiency modifications to home heating systems or replacement of unsafe, unhealthy systems
- Energy education
- Electricity conservation measures, e.g. lighting retrofit, refrigerator upgrades, etc

WAP is a federally funded program

PROPERTY TAX OR RENT REBATE PROGRAM

You are eligible for rent rebate if you own or rent your home but you must receive SS or SSI. Taxes or rent must be paid up from the previous year. You must be 18 or older.

**Hours of operation Mon-Thurs
from 2:00-4:00pm.**