



City of Beeville Utility Relief Program

Behind On Your Utility Bill? The City of Beeville is here to help!

Covid-19 has affected Texans across the state. The City has emergency funds available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to help the residents of the City of Beeville pay for their past due utility bills. The City Council has allotted a set amount of funds for the program, and it is based on a first come first serve basis. Meaning that when the funds are gone the program is completed. Residential & apartments account holders will have first priority versus Business account holders. Your account must have an outstanding balance of \$100 or more. You will NOT be able to apply more than once for the same account. If you do qualify, this program will make direct payments to the City of Beeville Utility Department to satisfy any delinquent amounts due to the impact of Covid-19. This program does not cover balances owed before March 13, 2020.

Qualification Criteria:

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One or more of the Account Holder household members must certify that they have qualified for unemployment benefits since March 13, 2020 or certify that during the pandemic, they have experienced a reduction in household income, incurred significant costs, or experienced financial hardship.

2

AND the Account Holder must certify that since March 13, 2020, someone in the household must have received past-due utility notice in the unit for which they are requesting assistance; or has experienced/ has been at risk of experiencing unsafe or unhealthy living conditions (which may include loss of water).

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AND the household/ unit must be the Account Holder's current primary residence located within the City of Beeville water jurisdiction (i.e. receiving water, sewer, & garbage services from the City).

Are you seeking assistance for utilities for your primary residence, located in the City of Beeville water jurisdiction? **YES or NO**

What is your household income before Covid-19? _____

What is your household income after Covid-19? _____

Number of Household Members: _____

Is your past due amount owed on utilities below \$100.00? **YES or NO**

Do you have a past-due utility notice? **YES or NO**

Has anyone in the household experienced any of the following financial impacts related to Covid-19? (check all that apply)

- Reduction/ loss income _____
- Increased expenses _____
- Qualified for unemployment benefits _____

Documents Needed to Apply:

As part of the Program application, all Account Holder households will be required to submit the following documentation required to perform the eligibility review:

- Government-issued or personal ID from the Account Holder that resides at the address for the past-due utility bill.
- Utility disconnection notice/ red bill (if received one)
- 2019 & 2020 W-2's, Tax Returns, Check Stubs, and/ or unemployment verification
- Other documents to verify income loss if above are unavailable
- Know that you will be asked to sign a certification form



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Applicant Information:

Full Name/ Name on Account: _____ Account #: _____

Account Address: _____ Telephone #: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Texas Issued ID or DL #: _____

Current Past Due Amount: _____ Date of First Past Due Notice: _____

Household Income Verification:

- ☐ **Option 1:** I have my 2019 and 2020 W-2's and/ or I will provide that Tax Return to certify my household annual income.
- ☐ **Option 2:** I will provide my unemployment verification letter.
- ☐ **Option 3:** I will provide my check stubs before Covid-19 and after Covid-19.
- ☐ **Option 4:** I DO NOT have the above documentation but. I am able to provide one or more of the following documentations that confirms loss income:
- Head Start
 - Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), or the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program (CEAP) in Texas
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI), for head or co-head of household
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) or Tribal TANF, for head or co-head of household
 - Veterans Affairs Disability Pension, Survivor Pension, Enhanced Survivor Benefits, or Section 306 disability pension (not standard VA pension)
 - Letter of furlough from employer

I attest that the above information is true, correct, and complete by the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting false, misleading, or incomplete information may result in termination of participation in the Program. I also understand that any documents submitted for this program are subjected to the State of Texas Open Records law.

Signature

Date

To be completed by a City Representative-
Completed by: _____

Amount of Assistance Received: _____ Date Issued: _____

Note: Disbursement will be issued at the end of the month.



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Fraudulent Reporting:

False or Fraudulent Documents or Statements

Falsification of documents or any material falsehoods or omissions in the Application, including knowingly seeking duplicative benefits, is subject to state and federal criminal penalties. Landlords and tenants are particularly put on notice that 18 U.S.C. §1001 provides, among other things, that whoever knowingly and willingly makes or uses a document or writing containing any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or entry, in any matter within the jurisdiction of any department or agency of the United States will be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned for not more than five years, or both.

To Report Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

All Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) employees and contractor employees have a responsibility to report waste, fraud, and abuse within the agency. The public is also invited to share such concerns. If you suspect fraud, waste, or abuse please call (833) 61-Fraud or (833) 613-7283.

Suspected Fraud:

TDHCA reserves the right to decline funding or participation if it is determined that fraud has occurred. For General Program Questions, contact by phone: 361-358-4641 or e-mail at utilitycustomerservice@beevilletx.org.



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