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New Assistance Programs Can Help Residents with Past Due Utility Bills

Qualifying households can receive funds to pay overdue utility bills, mortgage payments, and property taxes

Stoughton Utilities is spreading awareness of resources that can help local homeowners experiencing financial hardship. The American Rescue Plan allocated funds to mitigate economic stress associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, and those programs are now accessible. Qualifying homeowners can receive help with overdue utility bills, mortgage payments, and property taxes.

“The pandemic has left deep scars in our community, and we want our friends and neighbors to know that there is financial help available,” said Jill Weiss, Utilities Director. “We encourage anyone struggling to pay their bills to check and see if they qualify.”

The Wisconsin Help for Homeowners program is available to individuals and families in Wisconsin who have experienced economic hardship since Jan. 21, 2020 and meet eligibility requirements. The \$92 million federally funded program will provide a maximum of \$40,000 in assistance for eligible households. Local residents can see if they qualify and apply today at doa.wi.gov/Pages/LocalGovtsGrants/Homeowner-Assistance.aspx or by calling 1-855-2-HOME-WI.

Additionally, the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP) can help with bill pay assistance for income-eligible residents with heating costs, electric costs, and energy crises. Residents at risk of disconnection may be eligible for crisis assistance even if they have already received a benefit from WHEAP. For more information, including eligibility criteria, customers can call 1-866-432-8947 or visit homeenergyplus.wi.gov to connect with their local energy assistance agency.

Wisconsin renters may also be eligible for both utility bill and rental assistance through the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance (WERA) program. For more information on this statewide program, or to apply, visit wiscap.org/wera, email support@wera.help, or call 1-833-900-9372.

“We want everyone in the community to be aware of these programs,” said Weiss. “If you’re experiencing financial stress, help is available.”

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Founded in 1886, Stoughton Utilities serves electric customers in Stoughton and the surrounding area; and wastewater and water customers in Stoughton.