

**ROCHELLE CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM MEMO  
REGULAR MEETING**

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**SUBJECT:** Utility Assistance Program

**Staff Contact:** Jenny Thompson

**Summary:** Council’s authorization of the utility assistance program expansion ended at the end of 2024. Staff is proposing to continue the successful program from January 1, 2025 through April of 2027 to coincide with Council’s terms.

The utility assistance program offers a \$500 bill credit to residential households in need once per year. To qualify, combined gross income for all adults permanently living at the residence must be at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines for the previous 30 days.

In 2024, we assisted 216 households with \$108,000. The program is funded through the sale of renewable energy credits.

**Strategic Plan Goal Application:** Community Engagement

**Recommendation:** Approve a Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the Utility Assistance Program