

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

**SUBJECT:** Utility Assistance Program

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**Summary:** 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.

2022: 73 customers \$36,500

2023: 135 customers \$67,500

2024: 216 customers \$108,000

2025: 154 customers so far \$77,000

Due to the potential of increased power costs, staff feels it is important to provide additional assistance to our most vulnerable customers. The City Manager is recommending to the mayor and city council an increase in the annual program credit from five hundred dollars (\$500) to seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750) for qualifying customers, beginning the effective date of this resolution.

**Strategic Plan Goal Application:** Community Engagement

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