

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

SUBJECT: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the RMU Utility Assistance Program for 2 Years

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Summary: According to US Census data, an estimated 311 households in the Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU) territory are below poverty level. The RMU assistance program is open to all RMU residential customers who fall within our guidelines of household income at or below 200% of the federal poverty level, which is currently \$27,750 for a family of four. The program provides \$500 a year per household to help pay for utility charges and is funded by the renewable energy credits from the previous year.

In 2022 to date, \$32,298.28 has been committed to 67 households.

The program expires at the end of 2022 and the proposed resolution will extend the program for two additional years.

Funding Sources:

Source:	Budgeted Amount:	Proposed Expenditure:
Energy Credits	\$50,000	Up to \$50,000

Strategic Plan Goal Application:

Recommendation: Approve a A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Extend the RMU Utility Assistance Program for 2 Years