

## COUNTYWIDE UTILITY ASSISTANCE 2017-2018

### **Discounts are available on electric bills as follows:**

**Clallam PUD –360-452-9771:** Low Income and disabled – income must be below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines. Seniors age 62 and older with annual income not to exceed \$25,000.

**PA City Utilities – 360-457-0411:** Low income Utility discount to all utility accounts whose household income is up to 125% of the Federal Poverty Level based on family size.

**Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP) – 360-452-4726, 228 W 1<sup>st</sup> St., Forks - 421 5<sup>th</sup> Ave (DSHS Office building); 360-374-6193; 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., M-F: LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) for income at or below 125% of federal poverty level – A seasonal assistance program dependent on available funding. Information regarding current season can be found online at: [www.olycap.org](http://www.olycap.org). If you have no internet access, please call 452-4726 for further information. New this program year Social Security number verification is required for all household members. Also required is photo identification for all household members over the age 18, verification for previous three months income for all household members and current utility bill.**

**With a disconnect notice and income less than 150% of federal poverty level, funds may be available through the following:**

**Pass-the-Buck – PA City Utilities fund generated by customer donations - available through OlyCAP**

**Ratepayer – PUD funds generated by customer donations - available through OlyCAP**

### **OTHER SOURCES OF UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

**Salvation Army – 360-452-7679:** Assistance as resources allow - shut off notice required.

**St. Vincent de Paul Port Angeles – 360-457-5804:** Assistance as resources allow. Contact by telephone. Call back if no response to message.

**St. Vincent de Paul Sequim –360- 683-2112:** Assistance as resources allow. Contact by telephone. Call back if no response to message.

**Sequim Community Aid – 360-681-3731:** Assistance as resources allow. Contact by telephone. Call back if no response to message.

**M.A.N.N.A. - (Port Angeles only) – 360-457-3954, 139 W. 8<sup>th</sup> (enter from rear of building), 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Thursday only -** Assistance as resources allow. Appointments preferred.

**Senior Information & Assistance – 360-452-3221 – 411 West Washington in Sequim, 374-9496, 481 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Forks:** Emergency Assistance Fund (*payer of last resort*) can provide limited and varied assistance to individuals 60 years of age or greater for utility assistance and other needs.

**Veterans Assistance (360-417-2597), 223 E 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm 059 (Courthouse Basement) 2:30-4:00 daily:** Funds available up to \$500/year or \$2000/lifetime. Shut off notice required. Must be a resident of Washington State (1yr) and Clallam County, and have income less than 150% of federal poverty level.

**City of Sequim Utility Discounts Available for Low Income Residents (Sequim residents only for water and sewer discounts):** Income less than 125% of the federal poverty guidelines or \$25,000/year; additional net asset-based test to determine qualification. Must reapply annually. Applications are due January 15, 2014 available at the following locations: City Hall, DSHS, Sequim Community Aid, St. Vincent de Paul, Serenity House, United Way and the Sequim Senior Center or online at <http://www.sequimwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/2874>. Questions? Call City Hall 360-683-4139.

**Lauridsen Trust Foundation, 360-457-1344:** Assistance for widows who own property.

**Port Angeles Community Services (DSHS) – 360-565-2180, 201 W. 1st St. 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., M-F:** Some funds may be available to those participating in the TANF program. Individuals should contact their

caseworker. If there are no funds for utility assistance, the client may qualify for Food Assistance thus freeing up some funds that they could use to pay for utilities.

**Faith Communities** – Some churches may provide assistance to their members who have encountered problems.

**Serenity House, Housing Resource Centers**

**Port Angeles Housing Resource Center –360- 565-5041, 535 E. 1st Street**

**Sequim Housing Resource Center – 360-477-4918, 583 W. Washington (in Serenity Square)**

**West End Housing Resource Center – 360-203-7107, 287 Founders Way, Forks (off Bogachiel Way)**

Two utility programs available: 1) Utility deposit or shut off prevention assistance for homeless or at risk Veterans who make 50% or below the median income for Clallam County. 2) Clallam County residents that qualify for the HEN (Housing and Essential Needs) program. Eligibility is determined through DSHS for MCS (Medical Care Services) a medical disability program with no cash assistance.

**TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:** - Many tribes also offer assistance to enrolled members living away from the tribal center (for example, a Quileute member living in Port Angeles).

**Lower Elwha Klallam Tribal Assistance – 360-452-8471, 2851 Lower Elwha Road:** Some assistance for tribal elders with no income restrictions. The tribe also administers LIHEAP and CITGO utility assistance programs, which have qualification requirements. Once the Tribal LIHEAP program is exhausted, they may be referred to OlyCAP for assistance. TANF program also provides assistance to those who qualify.

**Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Assistance –360-683-1109, 1033 Old Blyn Highway:** Assistance up to \$235 possible for tribal members with income less than 150% of federal poverty level, through the CITGO Assistance program. The tribe also administers a LIHEAP program. Once the Tribal LIHEAP program is exhausted, they may be referred to OlyCAP for assistance. (No TANF program)

**Quileute Tribal Assistance – 360-374-5185** – The tribe administers LIHEAP and CITGO funds for enrolled tribal members. Once the Tribal LIHEAP program is exhausted, they may be referred to OlyCAP for assistance. TANF program also provides assistance to those who qualify.

**Makah Tribal Assistance - (360) 645-3254** - The tribe administers LIHEAP and CITGO funds for enrolled tribal members. Once the Tribal LIHEAP program is exhausted, they may be referred to OlyCAP for assistance. TANF program also provides assistance to those who qualify.

**Help Line - Peninsulas’ 211** – For information about all forms of health and humans service resources in Clallam County, dial 211.

**CONSERVATION & WEATHERIZATION PROGRAMS** – for many individuals, weatherizing their homes or adopting conservation strategies can greatly reduce their utility bill. Some families may be eligible for assistance with conservation and/or weatherization.

**Port Angeles City Utilities Conservation – 360-417-4718**

**PUD Conservation – 360-452-9771 x 249**

**OlyCAP Weatherization Programs – 360-452-9440**

**BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL LITERACY PROGRAMS** – Often families and individuals can learn some very good ideas on how to get more out of their money by attending either a workshop or meeting one on one with an agencies listed below:

**Parent Line** – 301 E. Lopez 360-452-5437 – Classes and one on one help

**Housing Resource Centers** – Port Angeles - 535 E. First Street. 360-565-5041

Sequim – 583 W. Washington. 360-477-4918

Forks- 287 Founders Way. 360-203-7107