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**Need Help Paying Your Water Bill?**

**St. Louis Park, Minn.** - Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC) is collaborating with the Minneapolis Water Department to offer additional housing stability through the Water Bill Program. The Water Bill Program allows payments to be made towards outstanding utility bills for Minneapolis residents whose income does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level (see chart below). Water and sewer utility bills, which are not payable through the Energy Assistance Program—are paid when the amount owed threatens housing stability. Housing stability is deemed threatened either by disconnection of those utilities, which could lead to eviction, or through attachment of a lien on the homeowners property, which could result in foreclosure.

200%			
Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$24,280	\$2,023	\$467
2	\$32,920	\$2,743	\$633
3	\$41,560	\$3,463	\$799
4	\$50,200	\$4,183	\$965
5	\$58,840	\$4,903	\$1,132
6	\$67,480	\$5,623	\$1,298
7	\$76,120	\$6,343	\$1,464
8	\$84,760	\$7,063	\$1,630
Each Add'l	\$8,640	\$720	\$166

**Program Eligibility:**

- To be eligible for services, clients must reside in the City of Minneapolis;
- Must have unpaid utility expenses ;
- Priority will be given to senior citizens, disabled or families with children under age 5;
- Households will be eligible for a one-time payment not to exceed \$500 for unpaid water bills or sewer bills for the program duration;
- CAP-HC will issue payment directly to Water Treatment and Distribution Services on behalf of the client within 30 days of completing [an application](#).

