



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 15, 2025

Re: Authorizing agreement with the Columbia Housing Authority to provide funding for the electrification of the water heating at the Patriot Place.

## Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration of an ordinance authorizing the City Manager, or the Manager's designees, to authorize an agreement with the Columbia Housing Authority to provide up to \$50,000 in funding for electrification of water heating at the Patriot Place, a 25-unit affordable housing complex that provides housing to homeless veterans, located at 2112 Business Loop 70 E in Columbia, Missouri.

## Discussion

The City of Columbia Utilities and the Columbia Housing Authority (CHA) are interested in the electrification of water heating equipment at the Patriot Place, with the utility providing up to \$50,000 to be used for the electrification. The Patriot Place is a 25-unit affordable housing complex that provides housing to homeless veterans that participate in the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing Program, which is a partnership between the CHA and the Truman VA Hospital. The CHA is looking to replace the existing natural gas water heaters with electric water heaters. The funds provided to CHA would be a direct reimbursement for the expenses associated with installing the water heaters, including but not limited to the cost of the equipment, labor for installation of equipment, and necessary electrical upgrades.

The Patriot Place currently uses two natural gas commercial water heaters to provide hot water to all of the units. These existing water heaters have exceeded the expected useful lifespan and need replacement. The electrification of the water heating equipment will provide new water heaters to the affordable housing complex, ensuring the residents have access to hot water, while reducing the reliance on natural gas at the Patriot Place. Additionally, the electrification of the water heating system will also assist in reducing the City's carbon footprint, helping to protect the environment.

Funding for the electrification of the water heating system at the Patriot Place will be through Electric Utility operating funds in Fiscal Year 2026.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$50,000 from Electric Utility operating funds in the FY26 budget

Long-Term Impact: No fiscal impact anticipated



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## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Inclusive and Equitable Community, Secondary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Infrastructure, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

## Legislative History

Date	Action
n/a	

## Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance.