

Utility Assistance Funding

Pre-Council Meeting
April 3, 2023

Utility Assistance to Customers

	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023 YTD	TOTAL
External Agencies	\$1,775,388*	\$1,556,713	\$818,525	\$4,150,626
City Assistance	\$157,170	\$337,905	\$221,247	\$716,322
TOTAL	\$1,932,558	\$1,894,618	\$1,039,772	\$4,866,948

* Includes \$318,132 in CARES Act funding administered by CMCA.
Includes \$395,394 donation from The Crossing in May 2021

City Utility Assistance Programs- Remaining Funds

Program	Remaining Funds
CASH	\$13,330
HELP	\$15,343
City Utility Assistance *	\$68,656
TOTAL	\$97,329

*The City has appropriated a total of \$600,000 to the new City Utility Assistance program.

- \$300,000 July 6, 2021
- \$300,000 with the FY 2023 budget

Utility Assistance - Additional Funding Needed

- Current remaining balance in the new Columbia Utility Assistance Program is \$68,656 (not counting CASH/HELP).
 - The City has appropriated a total of \$600,000 to the new City Utility Assistance program from the General Fund.
 - \$300,000 July 6, 2021 (start of the program)
 - \$300,000 with the FY 2023 budget
- There is not sufficient funding to provide assistance through the remainder of the fiscal year. A request to appropriate an additional \$300,000 of funding has been included as part of the second quarter budget amendments being introduced on April 3, 2023.