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UTILITY EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND RECEIVES \$40,000 GRANT TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS WITH EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE

PHILADELPHIA - The Utility Emergency Services Fund of Philadelphia has received a \$40,000 grant from the Citizens Bank Foundation to support its emergency assistance for low-income households facing utility termination. These funds will be matched dollar-for-dollar by local utility companies, providing a total of \$80,000 to low-income Philadelphians.

Edward F. Lynch, Jr., Executive Director of UESF, said the support would provide critical emergency utility assistance to over 160 families in need. "This grant comes at an important time for low-income families. With rising utility costs, more low-income families face utility termination. This grant will help us to make great strides in helping more people to maintain their services. As this winter heads into its harshest weather, we continue to see a dramatic rise in the number of applications and number of families in need of our assistance."

About the Citizens Bank Foundation

The Citizens Bank Foundation is the principal charitable contributions vehicle of Citizens Financial Group, Citizens Bank and Charter One Bank, N.A. The foundation's support is focused on housing, community development and basic human needs. Citizens' Web site is citizensbank.com.

About the Utility Emergency Services Fund

The Utility Emergency Services Fund has been providing emergency financial assistance to Philadelphia since 1983. In UESF's history, over 320,000 Philadelphia residents have received support. Currently, the organization is handling more cases than ever and is seeking donations from donors to assist these clients. UESF's Web site is www.uesfacts.org.

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