



1617 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 490 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-1861
(215) 972-5170 • (215) 972-5174 (fax) • www.uesfacts.org

Contact: Timothy Lau, UESF
215-972-5170
610-608-6065 (cell)
Crystal Jacobs, Councilwoman Tasco
215-200-6324

City of Philadelphia & Philadelphia Gas Works Partner
with the Utility Emergency Services Fund
to Assist Low-Income Customers of PGW

The Utility Emergency Services Fund (UESF) announces the availability of the City of Philadelphia-PGW-Utility Emergency Services Fund Partnership (CPUP) grants for eligible Philadelphia households in need of assistance with Philadelphia Gas Works bills. The City of Philadelphia has made available \$1 million dollars of support to aid UESF clients residing in Philadelphia whose income is at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Level and whose service is either shut off or in imminent danger of being terminated. These families can apply for a maximum grant of \$1,000 (\$500 of UESF assistance and \$500 of matching PGW utility credits) to eliminate their arrearage. Over 3,000 families will be assisted with this second year program.

John Rowe, Executive Director of UESF, said, “Through our partnership with the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Gas Works, UESF will make a significant impact in the lives of many PGW customers. With the cost of utility service continuing to rise, this support will aid the energy/poverty crisis gripping many of our families.”

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 354,000 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.

###