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**UTILITY EMERGENCY SERVICES FUND RECEIVES \$20,000 GRANT TO ASSIST LOW-INCOME PHILADELPHIA RESIDENTS WITH EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE**

The Utility Emergency Services Fund of Philadelphia has received a \$20,000 emergency grant from The W.W. Smith Charitable Trust to support its emergency assistance for low-income households facing utility termination.

Edward F. Lynch, Jr., Executive Director of UESF, said the support would provide critical emergency utility assistance to over 80 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 season closes, we have seen a dramatic rise in the number of applications and number of families in need of our assistance.”

The Utility Emergency Services Fund has been providing emergency financial assistance to Philadelphia since 1983. In UESF’s history, over 315,000 Philadelphia residents have received support. Currently, the organization is handling more cases than ever and are seeking donations from donors to assist these clients.

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