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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.

Brenda M. Wingfield, Interim Executive Director of UESF, said the support would provide critical emergency utility assistance to more than 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 partnership with Citizens Bank Foundation will help us to make great strides in helping more people to maintain their services. As the weather gets colder, we continue to see a rise in the number of applications and number of families in need of our assistance."

*About the Citizens Bank Foundation*

Citizens Bank Foundation is a charitable contributions vehicle of Citizens Bank. The foundation's support is focused on housing, community development and basic human needs. Citizens' Web site is [citizensbank.com](http://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 324,000 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](http://www.uesfacts.org).

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