

## RESOLUTION R2020-27

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS AMENDING THE RESIDENTIAL UTILITY CUSTOMER PAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AUTHORIZING UTILITY PAYMENT ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.**

**WHEREAS**, on June 7<sup>th</sup> 2020, City Council established the Residential Utility Customer Payment Assistance Program to provide a grant of 50% of the utility bill amounts for the months of April and May of this year for residential customers significantly adversely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the program was set to expire on June 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council deems it in the public interest and necessity to extend the expiration date for submission of applications for assistance on the April and May bill and the expiration date for eligible customers payment of their portion of their utility bill; and

**WHEREAS**, the Salvation Army has offered to donate \$10,000.00 to extend the Residential Utility Customer Payment Assistance Program to provide payment assistance with eligible customer's June utility bills; and

**WHEREAS**, City Council deems it appropriate to add an additional \$15,000.00, from the LCRA refund, to the Salvation's Army's contribution to provide for up to \$25,000.00 Residential Utility Customer Payment Assistance Program to provide payment assistance for the month of June.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS:**

**Section one. Findings.** The recitals contained in the preamble hereof are hereby found to be true, and such recitals are hereby made a part of this Resolution for all purposes and are adopted as a part of the judgment and findings of the City Council.

**Section two. Section (3) program amendment.** The Residential Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program Guidelines are hereby amended by amending Section (3) thereof, in its entirety, to read as follows:

**(3) Funding.** Grants made under this Program shall be made from an LCRA refund that was deposited in the Electric Fund this fiscal year and a donation from the Salvation Army and shall be distributed as follows:

- (a) **April and May Billing Cycle.** Grants made under this component of the Program shall be made from an LCRA refund that was deposited in the Electric Fund this fiscal year. The maximum municipal expenditure under this component of the Program shall be \$25,000.00 for the April and May billing. Applications shall be administered on a first come first serve basis and the Program shall end when the maximum fund amount is expended or on July 20, 2020, whichever occurs first. Applications shall continue to be accepted until July 10, 2020; however, a grant authorized under this Program shall expire should the applicant fail to pay their 50% contribution to their utility bill on or before July 20, 2020.
- (b) **June Billing Cycle.** Grants under this subsection (b) are predicated on receipt of a grant from the Salvation Army. The maximum municipal expenditure under this component of the Program shall be the total amount of the Salvation Army grant plus \$15,000.00 that shall come from the LCRA refund. Applications shall be administered on a first come first serve basis and this component of the Program shall end when the maximum fund amount is expended or on July 31, 2020, whichever occurs first. Applications received on or before July 31, 2020 shall be eligible for grant consideration provided applicants pay their 50% contribution to their utility bill on or before August 10, 2020.

**Section three. Section (4) program amendment.** The Residential Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program Guidelines are hereby amended by amending Section (3) thereof, in its entirety, to read as follows:

**(4) Program Term.**

- (a) **Program Term.** The Program shall be instituted for the April and May 2020 utility billing cycles. Upon receipt of a grant from the Salvation Army the Program term shall be extended to include the June 2020 utility billing cycle.

**Section four. Section (7) program amendment.** The Residential Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program Guidelines are hereby amended by amending Section (7) thereof, in its entirety, to read as follows:

- (7) **Maximum Grant Amount.** Grants shall be in the form of a credit of 50% of a recipient's electric, water, sewer, garbage and recycling services charges incurred on their City of Burnet Utility Account during the Program Term, not to exceed \$250.00 total for any residential utility customer for the April/May program period and \$250.00 total for any residential utility customer for the June program period.

**Section five. Unamended terms.** Except as expressly amended by this resolution, all terms and conditions of the Residential Customers Public Utility Payment Assistance Program Guidelines established by Resolution No. R2020-23, shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section six. Authorization.** The City Manager is authorized to manage all aspects of the Program; and, is authorized and directed to take those actions that are reasonably necessary to facilitate the purpose of this Resolution, including but not limited to accepting the Salvation Army donation.

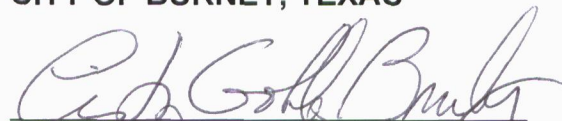
**Section seven. Severability.** The sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are severable and if any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section should be declared invalid by the final judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections that can be given effect without the invalid provision, and to this end the provisions are severable.

**Section eight. Notice.** This Resolution shall be given prompt and general publicity.


**Section nine. Effective date.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

**PASSED, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY of July, 2020.**

**CITY OF BURNET, TEXAS**

  
Crista Goble Bromley, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
Kelly Dix, City Secretary

