

### HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR ... A Utility Assistance Program for Eligible Senior Citizens

"The purpose of the Help Your Neighbor Utility Assistance Program is to help senior citizens and disabled persons in Thibodaux pay their city utility bills—water, gas, sewer, and garbage collection. In partnership with the community, 100% of the funds donated to the program will go directly to help Thibodaux residents in need of assistance."

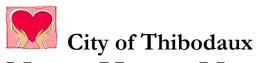
#### PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- 1. Recipient must reside within the corporate city limits of Thibodaux and be at least 60 years old or disabled/handicapped who is currently facing a serious financial or health emergency.
- 2. To qualify for assistance, the individual or household income shall be based on the net income if on Social Security or the gross income if employed and shall not exceed the current U. S. Poverty Income Guidelines.
- 3. Qualified individuals or households may receive two payments of up to \$100.00 each per year to pay for city utilities as monies are available in the Help Your Neighbor fund.
- 4. Recipients should be either head of household or the party in whose name the utility service is listed.
- 5. All funds for payment for utilities shall be distributed by check or voucher by the Lafourche Council on Aging and made payable to the City of Thibodaux.
- 6. Assistance will be provided to meet emergency utility needs including payment of the following:
  - Water, sewer, gas, or waste disposal service bills
- Eligibility criteria shall include:
  - Gross annual household income
  - Thibodaux resident
  - Community and personal resources available
  - Medical or health needs
  - Utility bill with person(s) in whose name service is listed and their relationship to the applicant
- 8. Applicant must be willing to provide the following information to the Lafourche Council on Aging:
  - Information necessary to complete the application process
  - Signed release of confidential information if necessary
  - Budget information (income and expenses)
  - Verification of age and residence

If you need assistance, please contact Marion Lavergne with the Lafourche Council on Aging at (985) 532-0457 to schedule an appointment and to make an application to determine your eligibility for the program.

> Marion Lavergne, Lafourche Council on Aging, Inc. 1-888-879-4400 or (985) 532-0457



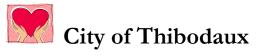


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#### 2023 Poverty Income Guidelines<sup>1</sup>

Size of	<b>Monthly Income is Less Than</b>	Yearly Income is Less Than
Household		
1	\$1,519	\$18,225
2	\$2,054	\$24,650
3	\$2,590	\$31,075
4	\$3,125	\$37,500
5	\$3,660	\$43,925
6	\$4,196	\$50,350
7	\$4,731	\$56,775
8	\$5,267	\$63,200
For each		
additional member add	\$535	\$5,900

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 2022 Poverty Income Guidelines (Legal Mass Services)



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APPLICATION			
NAME:		DATE OF BIRTH:	
ADDRESS:		AGE:	
		S.S. #:	
PHONE:		M RACE:	
	N HOUSEHOLD:		
INCOME AND SOURCE:			
NATURE OF REQUEST: _			
REASON FOR EMERGEN	ICY:		
NAME ON UTILITY ACC	OUNT:		
of receiving assistance from information furnished by me	Help Your Neighbor is true to the keep is subject to verification and hereberce given by me for the purpose of very suppose of	e information given by me for the purpose best of my knowledge. I understand all y agree to permit the Lafourche Council erifying income, utility bills or other	
Date	Applicant's Signature		
RECOMMENDATION:			
Program Coordinator	Lafourche Council on Aging Agency	Date:	
Action Taken:			