



NEWS RELEASE

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**KENTUCKY RIVER FOOTHILLS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE WITH
WATER, WASTEWATER, ELECTRIC, OR NATURAL GAS SERVICE**

KRFDC is encouraging homeowners and renters to apply

RICHMOND, KY - Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, Inc. (KRFDC) has partnered with Team Kentucky to administer the Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund. The fund will provide relief to those affected by COVID-19 that are at risk of water, wastewater, electric, or natural gas service disconnection. The agency is encouraging all potentially eligible or vulnerable households (homeowners and renters) to apply as soon as possible.

The Healthy at Home Utility Relief Fund is comprised of two components: (1) water/wastewater and (2) electric/natural gas.

Water/Wastewater Component

Households that have an income up to 200% of the Federal Poverty Line and have been economically impacted due to COVID-19 can apply. Households must be in a crisis situation (arrear, disconnect or agreed upon payment plan) and are required to sign a hardship certification form. Households can receive assistance for the minimum needed to alleviate their water/wastewater crisis up to \$500. Households can reapply until they reached their maximum benefit.

Electric/Natural Gas

Households can apply for electric and natural gas benefits once a month. Households must be in a crisis situation (arrear, disconnect or agreed upon payment plan). The benefits each time are the minimum needed to alleviate crisis for up to \$200. Households can reapply until they reached their maximum benefit of \$400.

“No one should have to worry about how to pay their water or electric bill during a global pandemic,” said Karen Atkins, KRFDC public information office. “Our staff are working hard to ensure support for those struggling financially. We want to ensure that residents in our community can keep the lights on and put food on their table during these uncertain times.”

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Applicants must provide the following information:

- Photo Identification.
- Most current utility bill.
- Proof of arrearage, payment plan, or disconnect notice for utilities.
- Proof of Social Security Number or Permanent Residence card (Green Card) for each member of the household.
- Proof of all household's (all members) income from the preceding month.

All eligible households will receive a benefit that goes directly to the utility.

Household Size	Maximum Monthly Income
1	\$2,127
2	\$2,874
3	\$3,620
4	\$4,367
5	\$5,114
6	\$5,860
7	\$6,607
8	\$7,354
9	\$8,100
10	\$8,847

Eligible households (homeowners and renters) in our core service counties of Clark, Estill, Madison and Powell should call us to complete a by-phone or email application M-F from 8am-4pm. KRFDC Outreach Offices will schedule in-person appointments for emergencies only. Hours will vary based on need.

Requests for assistance can be made by contacting:

Clark Co: 859-744-3235, email pguynn@foothillscap.org

Estill Co: 606-723-4492, email tmurphy@foothillscap.org

Madison Co: 859-623-6514, email madisonoutreach@foothillscap.org

Powell Co: 606-663-2659, email aflanary@foothillscap.org

Residents outside KRFDC's service region of Clark, Estill, Madison and Powell counties can find their community action agency here: <https://www.capky.org/network/>

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Kentucky River Foothills believes that communities must work together – in partnership – to enable all persons to live with dignity, responsibility and opportunity. To support this vision, the agency offers a myriad of services that promote stability and independence throughout the life cycle. The agency's core service area is Clark, Estill, Madison, and Powell Counties.