

Enrollment Has Begun for 2023-2024 Low Income Elderly Discount

Thank you Klickitat County Senior Services for partnering with Klickitat PUD

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—Anita Clever,
KPUD Energy Service Specialist

Eligible KPUD customers can sign up now for the Low Income Elderly Discount.

At the September 26 KPUD Commission meeting, the Klickitat PUD Commissioners approved Resolution No. 1842 providing for the 2023- 2024 Low Income Elderly Discount. This KPUD assistance program has been in place since 1979. It provides eligible customers discounts on their electric bills between December and May to help ease the energy burden during winter months.

To be eligible, customers must have residential service, be 62 years of age or older, with a single household income of \$29,160 or less per year or a two-person household income of \$39,440 or less. The discount percentage ranges between 5% and 35%, and is dependent on income level.

The Low Income Elderly Discount program—also known as senior discounts—provided assistance to nearly 400 customers last year, with total discounts of just over \$76,000. Last

year, participation increased nearly 22% from the year before. This increase in participation resulted in the program meeting its funding limit of \$70,000 early, which could have resulted in early suspension of the program.

However, KPUD commissioners recognized the additional need, and a funding increase was approved to continue the program through May, as originally projected. This year, KPUD increased the funding limit to avoid mid-program uncertainty.

Klickitat PUD is very grateful for the partnership we have with Klickitat County Senior Services. Both the White Salmon and Goldendale Senior Service offices work with our senior communities to promote the program and qualify eligible KPUD customers. The enrollment process is completed annually and began in mid-October.

"The senior discount program holds a special place in my heart," says Klickitat PUD's Energy Service Specialist Anita Clever. "It addresses a significant need within our communities, offering crucial support to our seniors during the harsh winter months. This program aims to alleviate their concerns and provides a comforting buffer against their winter heating bills. The seamless collaboration with the Klickitat County Senior Services Department further streamlines the implementation of this program, ensuring its reach and impact are maximized. Together, we strive to make a difference in the lives of our senior citizens during a time that can be particularly challenging."

This year, Klickitat PUD is joining Senior Services, Washington Gorge Action Programs and Yakama Nation at a number of community sites to qualify customers for this program and other energy assistance programs during November.

The list of enrollment site locations and respective contact information is provided and is available on our website. ■





TIME TO SIGN UP LOW INCOME ELDERLY DISCOUNT



SIGN-UP LOCATIONS AND DATES:

Nov 13th 10:00-1:00 White Salmon~Pioneer Building
Nov 14th 10:00-1:00 Lyle~Lyons Community Center
Nov 15th 10:00-1:00 White Salmon~Pioneer Building
Nov 16th 10:00-1:00 Goldendale~Klickitat PUD

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT KLICKITAT COUNTY SENIOR SERVICES AT:

 509-773-3757 (Goldendale)
509-493-3068 (White Salmon)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

KPUD: Energy Efficiency Rebates
(509) 773-7622

WAGAP: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
(509) 493-2662

YAKAMA NATION: Energy Assistance
(509) 865-5121



**ARE YOU A KPUD
UTILITY
CUSTOMER?**



**ARE YOU AT
LEAST 62 YEARS
OLD?**



**IS YOUR ANNUAL
INCOME LESS
THAN \$29,160?**
(single income level)



**WOULD YOU
LIKE TO RECEIVE
A DISCOUNT ON
YOUR ELECTRIC
BILL?**



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