



CITY OF
TOPEKA



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- Franchise Fee Utility Rebate Program
 - Topeka Municipal Code provides for two rebate programs for qualifying users of gas, electric, water and wastewater utilities.
 - The city contracts with the Community Resources Council (CRC) to administer the program
 - Qualifications
 - Applicant must be a city resident (homeowner or renter) for utility credit.
 - Household income for 2022 can not be more than \$34,450



Annual Credits Available Per Household

Kansas Gas	\$100
Evergy	\$100
Topeka Water Utility	\$75
Topeka Wastewater Utility	\$75
Maximum Credit per household	\$350



3-Year Actuals (Water and Wastewater only)

- 2020
 - Budget -\$100,000
 - Actual - \$70,095 (70.1% utilization)
 - Total individuals served – 1,658
- 2021
 - Budget -\$74,500
 - Actual - \$74,244 (99.7% utilization)
 - Total individuals served – 1,544
- 2022
 - Budget -\$74,500
 - Actual - \$69,900 (86% utilization)
 - Total individuals served – 1,524



- The WaterShare Program allows customers paying their City utility bill to add an automatic amount of their choosing to go to charity, for the purpose of assisting in the payment of City utility bills of those less fortunate.
- WaterShare disbursements
 - 2020 – \$21,855
 - 2021 – \$19,696
 - 2022 – \$17,388



Proposed Addition

- One-time annual benefit, payment up to \$300
 - Max water and wastewater relief - \$450 between Franchise Fee Rebate and new money
- 125% poverty rate qualification
- Maximum City contribution of \$500,000 per year if new water rates are approved

New Rate Money	\$500,000
Franchise Fee Rebate Money	\$174,500
WaterShare Donation Money	\$20,000
Approximate Total	\$694,500

