Public Assistance Programs for Water Utility Bills

Statewide

The Salvation Army Phone: (214) 956-6000

Website: https://www.salvationarmytexas.org/waco/ways-we-can-help/basic-needs/

When hard times hit, The Salvation Army is here to help meet all of your basic needs. Whether you need a bag of groceries to get through the week, a hot meal, or assistance paying an outstanding bill, every county in Texas has a Salvation Army Worship and Community Center, Service Center, or Service Unit representative ready to help.

2-1-1 Texas I&R Network

Phone: 2-1-1 or (877) 541-7905

Website: https://www.211texas.org/cms/search-financial-legal-services-in-texas

2-1-1 Texas, a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, is committed to helping Texas citizens connect with the services they need." This service is a compilation of utility assistance programs. Statewide, water utility customers can search resources by region.

Texas Rent Relief Program (helps with utilities as well as rent)

Phone: 1-833-989-7368

Website: https://texasrentrelief.com/

The Texas Rent Relief Program provides emergency funds available to help Texas renters pay rent and utility bills (including past due rent and utilities).

Central Texas

Travis County Health & Human Services: Family Support Services Division

Phone: (512) 854-4120

Website: https://www.traviscountytx.gov/health-human-services/divisions/family-support-

services

The assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis. Income is an eligibility factor for all utility assistance. Proof of Income for all household members over 18 is required. Some information on every household member is required. You will be required to provide a copy of your current utility bill and give your caseworker permission to speak with your utility provider. Other terms or conditions may apply depending on the fund source.

Bell County HELP Center Phone: (254) 549-0811

The Temple H.E.L.P. Center (Health, Education, Leadership, Progress) is an outreach department of Bell County. Services cover an array of community-based needs.

Helping Hands Ministry Phone: (254) 939-7355

Website: http://www.helpinghandsbelton.org/

Helping Hands Ministry assists with utility bills for people living in the Belton and Academy

school districts.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Diocesan Council of Austin

Phone: (512) 251-6995

Website: https://www.ssvdp.org/

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has served Central Texans in need with financial assistance, food, clothing, and other basic needs since 1963. Their volunteers reach thousands of people every year across 25 counties. The Society continues to evolve to meet the needs of the community, finding creative ways to serve and empower families with short-term financial assistance and long-term systemic change initiatives They service areas such as Buda, Horseshoe Bay, Pflugerville, and Georgetown. Call them for a complete list of their service areas.

West Texas

Christians in Action: San Angelo

Phone: (325) 655-5127

Website: http://www.christiansinaction.us/articles/view/services-we-provide-4be2e08b-

dc34-4461-854a-73acac100aad

During the cold winters and hot summers, we have in West Texas, we can't afford to leave our neighbors without power, water, and gas! Christians In Action is able to help selected clients with their utility bills on an emergency basis. All financial help is first verified then mailed to the utility in question in the form of a check made out to the provider of the services.

Coastal Texas

Catholic Charities of Corpus Christi Texas

Phone: 361-884-0651

Website: http://www.catholiccharities-cc.org/

They offer several resources including assistance with utilities. Among them is help for emergency situations, housing and HUD approved foreclosure counseling, money and debt management, and other services.

Additional organizations that may be able to assist those in need:

Texas Women and Infant Care (WIC)

Phone: 1-800-942-3678

Website: https://texaswic.org/

The Texas Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and. Children (WIC) is a nutrition program that helps pregnant women, new mothers, and. young children eat well, learn about nutrition, and stay healthy.

Lions Club International

Use this <u>link</u> to find your local Lion's Club. Website: https://www.lionsclubs.org/en

Lions clubs are places where individuals join together to give their valuable time and effort to improving their communities, and the world. To empower volunteers to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, encourage peace and promote international understanding through their clubs.

Rotary Club International

Use this <u>link</u> to find your local Rotary Club.

Website: https://www.rotary.org/en

Rotary members believe that they have a shared responsibility to act on our world's most persistent issues. They have over 35,000 clubs that work together to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies.

Shriners International

Use this link to find your local Shriner Temple location.

Website: https://www.shrinersinternational.org/

Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth with nearly 200 temples (chapters) in several countries and thousands of clubs around the world. Our fraternity is open to men of integrity from all walks of life.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Phone: (979) 314-8200

Website: https://agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service works daily to make Texas better by providing innovative solutions at the intersection of agriculture, natural resources, youth and health, thereby improving the well-being of individuals, families, businesses and communities through education and service.