



INCREASE SHARE PROGRAM ELECTRIC AND WATER MONTHLY CREDITS FOR FY2019-20

Resource Operations and Strategic Analytics

City Council
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BACKGROUND

1. SHARE Established in 1989

- a. Originally funded from direct customer contributions

2. May 22, 2018: City Council Approved Enhancement

- a. Expanded to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- b. \$14.00 per month electric bill credit (up to \$168 per year)
- c. \$2.25 per month water bill credit (up to \$27 per year)
- d. Five (5) one-year automatic renewal periods
- e. Funding: \$2.95 million
 - i. \$2,550,000 – Electric customer assistance
 - ii. \$ 150,000 – Water customer assistance
 - iii. \$ 250,000 – County Administration fee



DISCUSSION

1. Enhanced Low-Income Programs

- a. Rate plan commitment to increase with annual rate increases

2. Increase Water Monthly Credit

- a. The next water rate increase scheduled for July 1, 2019
- b. Increase water monthly credit from **\$2.25** to **\$2.50**
(up to \$30 per year, 7% increase)

3. Increase Electric Monthly Credit

- a. Next electric rate increase scheduled for January 1, 2020
- b. Increase electric monthly credit from **\$14.00** to **\$14.50**
(up to \$174 per year, 4% increase)



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DISCUSSION

4. Expand Program Eligibility

- a. Proof of benefits from public assistance programs including:
 - i. Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance
 - ii. CalFresh/SNAP (Food Stamps)
 - iii. CalWorks (TANF)/Tribal TANF
 - iv. Head Start Income Eligible (Tribal Only)
 - v. LIHEAP
 - vi. Medi-Cal/Medicaid
 - vii. Medi-Cal for Families (Healthy Families A&B)
 - viii. National School Lunch Program (NSLP)
 - ix. Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - x. WIC



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve an increase of the Sharing Households Assist Riverside's Energy Program's Electric Monthly Credit from \$14.00 to \$14.50 and Water Monthly Credit from \$2.25 to \$2.50 to align with electric and water rate increases for Fiscal Year 2019/20.



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