



**FIRST AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT FOR USE OF  
LOW INCOME UTILITY BILL AND DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE  
FUNDS WITH COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE FOR SHARING  
HOUSEHOLDS ASSIST RIVERSIDE'S ENERGY PROGRAM**

**Public Utilities - Customer Engagement**

Board of Public Utilities  
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## **LEGISLATIVE HISTORY**

### **Assembly Bill 1890 –**

Adopted in 1996, created the Public Benefits fund program and granted authority to publicly owned utilities to spend Public Benefits Charge funds for low-income assistance programs



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## BACKGROUND

### 1. SHARE was established by RPU in 1989

- a. Originally funded from direct customer contributions



### 2. RPU entered into an agreement with CAP July 1, 1999

- a. Public Benefits Funds were added to support electric utility assistance
- b. Agreement has been extended 17 times
- c. Over 95,000 low-income RPU residential customers have received SHARE assistance



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## BACKGROUND

**On August 13, 2018, the Board of Public Utilities recommended that the City Council approve:**

### 1. SHARE agreement through June 30, 2019

- a. Assist in offsetting rate increase
- b. \$14 monthly electric bill credit (up to \$168/yr)
- c. \$2.25 monthly water bill credit (up to \$27/year)
- d. \$150 for emergency or electric deposit assistance

### 2. Agreement includes 5 one-year automatic renewal periods

### 3. Program cost of \$2.8 million annually

- a. \$2,550,000 – direct customer assistance
- b. \$250,000 – County Administration fee

**On August 28, 2018 - City Council approved changes to SHARE program**

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## DISCUSSION

### 1. County of Riverside requested changes

- a. Naming County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of Community Action Partnership of Riverside County as Grantee rather than previously named Community Action Partnership of Riverside County



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## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board of Public Utilities recommend that City Council:

1. Approve the First Amended and Restated Agreement for Use of Low-Income Utility Bill and Deposit Assistance Funds with the County of Riverside, a political subdivision of the State of California, on behalf of Community Action Partnership of Riverside County for the Sharing Households Assist Riverside's Energy Program to include options to extend the program from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2024 for an annual program amount of \$2,800,000 and change the Grantee name as stated herein; and
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the First Amended and Restated Agreement for Use of Low-Income Utility Bill Deposit Assistance Funds with the State of California, on behalf of Community Action Partnership of Riverside County, including making non-substantive changes.



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