

Port Cares Utility Grant Program



Guidelines

The Utility Grant Program is designed to help people who are experiencing **an emergency** in paying their utility bills. The Program may be able to help with hydro, gas, and some other types of heating bills. The Program can not help with water, taxes, or other household bills.

Eligibility

- The account must be a current account in your name.
- You will need to show how you will maintain your utility bills if you were to receive a grant.
- You will need to show that you have attempted to pay your utility bills.
- The total household income must be under the Low Income Cut-off before taxes. This amount varies depending on the number of people who live in your home.

1 person up to \$21,666	5 people up to \$45,662
2 people up to \$26,972	6 people up to \$51,498
3 people up to \$33,159	7 or more people up to \$57,336
4 people up to \$40,259	

Numbers supplied by the Region of Niagara

Please note that other eligibility criteria will be considered when you apply for the grant.

Required Documentation

At the time of your appointment you must supply all of the following:

- ☐ **Official ID** — You must provide official ID for everyone in your house – this includes any children in your home. ID can be health cards or social insurance cards or drivers' license. If you are the applicant you must supply 2 pieces of ID.
- ☐ **Proof of income** — you must provide proof of income for everyone in your house for the last 52 weeks.
- Financial information** — you will need to provide all of the following financial information:
 - ☐ 2 months of bank statements for **all** your bank accounts – these are detailed financial records that you get from your bank.
 - ☐ Statements for any assets you have.
 - ☐ Statements for any money in your bank accounts.

Proof of shelter costs — you must bring in:

- ☐ Proof of mortgage or rent. This can be in the form of a receipt.
- ☐ Statement of property taxes.

Utility information — you must supply all of the following:

- ☐ Your last gas bill.
- ☐ Your last hydro bill.
- ☐ Any reminder notices.
- ☐ Any disconnection notices.

Additional bills — The program can not assist with these bills but you must still supply all of the following:

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| Your last: | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phone. | <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card bills | <input type="checkbox"/> Loans |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone bill. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cable. | <input type="checkbox"/> Rent to Own bills | <input type="checkbox"/> Line of Credit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water bill. | <input type="checkbox"/> Internet. | | |