



CITY OF
SUMNER
WASHINGTON

**AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT
COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA
CITY HALL – 1104 MAPLE STREET
AUGUST 10, 2022 5:30 PM**

Members - (Chair) Reed, Hochstatter, Neuman (Alt) Bitetto

Staff - City Administrator Jason Wilson

The city is conducting this public meeting using a hybrid model. The public is welcome to attend tonight's meeting in-person at City Hall (First Floor Conference Room), or virtually by using the meeting access link below.

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COMMITTEE BUSINESS

1. Utility Assistance Program

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT COMMITTEE
MEETING

DATE: August 10, 2022
AGENDA BILL: 22-2517

SUBJECT: Utility Assistance Program

CATEGORY: Information Only

BUDGET IMPACT:

Expenditure Required: None

Within Budget Allocation: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:

STAFF CONTACT: Jeff Steffens, Administrative Services Director

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

The Governor's emergency proclamation regarding the COVID 19 pandemic placed a moratorium on utility disconnects. That moratorium expired September 30, 2021, which allowed the City to begin disconnecting utility customers for the first time in 19 months. Sumner chose to delay disconnections until February 2022, to allow customers to get their accounts current, enter into payment plans and seek assistance from community resources.

Customers were directed to Pierce County, who had dedicated some of their ARPA funding to provide utility assistance. Now six months later, with rising inflation, we are still working with several accounts who are struggling to keep their payment plans current. We were recently informed that the County has closed its window for new applicants and is currently reviewing applications applied for in December.

Staff will be reviewing both the current and historical Utility Payment Plan information and weighing funding options to use a portion of the City's unallocated ARPA balance to fill the assistance gap left by the County.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE/STUDY SESSION: MEETING/STUDY SESSION DATE: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:
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STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS/MOTION: