

The Good Neighbor Fund - Financial Assistance Program



Dockton Water Association is initiating a trial program to aid residential shareholders who are financially burdened and need assistance to pay water association bills. This pilot program will operate from August 1, 2023, to July 31, 2024, by which time the Board will evaluate its impacts and may extend the program. Assistance is available to eligible applicants for up to 12 months as the budget allows. Upon approval of the application, the program will reduce the resident's bill by \$20/month. The program is open to eligible residential occupants with an active account.

Send questions to manager@docktonwater.org or call (206) 463-5600.

Program Requirements

Residential members of the Association are eligible to apply if any of the following apply:

1. their total household income is 60% or less than the 2022 Washington state median income (see reverse), or
2. any household occupant receives benefits from an established local, state, or federal assistance programs noted on the application (see reverse), or
3. their household faces a temporary need due to unforeseen circumstances, such as unemployment, unexpected medical expenses, or other financial hardship.

Accounts must be paid up-to-date during the assistance period. If an account is overdue, the discount will be applied each month to the past-due amount.

Approval of financial assistance from the Good Neighbor Fund will be at the manager's discretion. The manager may, at any time, contact the applicant to request additional information or otherwise discuss the application.

See the application on the back of this notice.

Donate to the Good Neighbor Fund

Funding for this program will come from the Dockton Water Association's operating budget and from voluntary donations. Association members who wish to donate to the fund have this opportunity. Once a member chooses to opt-in to the program, the donation amount will be shown as reoccurring at \$2.00/month on future bills. At any time, a donor can opt-out with written notification to the Association.

The Dockton Water Association is a non-profit community utility, but donations to Good Neighbor Fund cannot qualify as a federal income tax charitable deduction.

If your household is able and would like to contribute to the program, please complete the information below and return to the Dockton Water Assoc., 9710 SW Windmill Street, Vashon, WA 98070.

- I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE \$2.00/MONTH TO ASSIST NEIGHBORS IN NEED. I UNDERSTAND THE DONATION WILL CONTINUE EACH MONTH UNTIL I END IT. I UNDERSTAND THE DONATION CANNOT QUALIFY AS A FEDERAL INCOME TAX CHARITABLE DEDUCTION.

DATE: _____ ACCOUNT #: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PRINTED NAME & SIGNATURE: _____

Application for Financial Assistance from the Good Neighbor Fund

Please complete the application and return to DWA, 9710 SW Windmill Street, Vashon, WA 98070.

Approval of financial assistance from the Good Neighbor Fund will be at the manager's discretion. The manager may contact the applicant for additional information. A written response will be returned within 10 working days.

If approved, the assistance program will provide a discount of \$20/month. Accounts must be up-to-date. If an account is overdue, the credit will be applied monthly to the past-due amount.

Eligibility Requirements

Residential association members are eligible to apply for assistance if they meet one or more of the criteria:

- household maximum gross income is less than 60% of the WA State Median Income for 2022 as noted:

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Max. Annual Gross</u>	<u>Max. Monthly Gross Income</u>
1 person	\$35,388	\$2,949
2 people	\$46,282	\$3,857
3 people	\$57,168	\$4,764
4 people	\$68,062	\$5,672

(each additional person: \$10,000 in additional in annual income; \$1,000 in monthly income)

- any household occupant is eligible for benefits from one of the following programs:
 - SNAP (food stamps)
 - WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition for Women, Infants & Children)
 - Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
 - Federal Housing Assistance (Section 8 Vouchers, Section 515 or 521 Rural Rental Assistance)
 - Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
 - Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program
 - Federal Pell Grant
- the household faces a temporary need due to unforeseen circumstances, such as unemployment, unexpected medical expenses, or other financial hardship.

Application

DATE: _____ ACCOUNT #: _____ # IN HOUSEHOLD: _____ PHONE #: _____

RESIDENT'S NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

- I UNDERSTAND THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS. I DECLARE THAT MY HOUSEHOLD IS ELIGIBLE UNDER THE INCOME LIMITS, ONE OR MORE OF THE NOTED BENEFIT PROGRAMS, OR DUE TO OTHER FINANCIAL HARDSHIP. I WILL NOTIFY THE ASSOCIATION PROMPTLY IF THESE CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE. IN SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I CERTIFY MY INFORMATION IS TRUTHFUL AND ACCURATE.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- Approved
 Not Approved

Dave Soltz, DWA Manager _____
Date: _____