

Inter-County Energy encourages local city and county governments to apply for funds available to help Kentuckians with Overdue Utility Bills

Danville, KY— Inter-County Energy is asking our local city and county governments in our service territory to apply for a portion of the \$38 million dollars that has been made available to help Kentuckians with overdue utility bills. The funding, announced by Governor Andy Beshear, is much needed relief for Kentuckians who have been hit hard by the financial implications of COVID-19.

“We care about our consumer-members and hope those who are struggling during this pandemic can gain access to these funds,” said Jerry Carter, President/CEO of Inter-County Energy. “Throughout this crisis, Inter-County Energy has encouraged those who have trouble paying their bill to contact us so we can help identify ways to help.”

WHAT: Local government can secure up to \$200,000 in utility bill relief for residents in need. Applications are being accepted by the Department for Local Government.

WHEN: ASAP

HOW:

Step 1: Local Government [Submit Application](#) to Department for Local Government
Step 2: If approved, local governments partner with a community action agency to assist with funding administration. To simplify the process and fulfill that need, DLG has partnered with Kentucky’s [15 Area Development Districts](#) (ADD) to assist units of local government, local nonprofit community service providers and eligible Kentuckians with their applications and administering funds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR RELIEF: Kentuckians should contact their local government or [ADD](#) for more information on available funds in their area. Households are eligible for up to \$250 per month for six consecutive months if:

- They live in a city or county approved for funding;
- Have been financially impacted by COVID-19;
- Are struggling to pay water, sewer, electric, gas or other heating and cooling bills; and
- Have received notice for disconnect between January 21, 2020, and present day and/or up to two months following.

“Kentucky co-ops are committed to improving the quality of life in the communities they serve and urge local governments to apply for these funds on behalf of their constituents,” said Chris Perry, Kentucky Electric Cooperatives President and CEO.