

Community Options for Utility Assistance

What	How Much	How Often	Who	Notes
Salvation Army	Might pay for the past month, applicant is responsible for the next month. Salvation Army inquires at to the reason the applicant cannot pay.	Up to three times a year, housing only once a year.	Money comes from the State. Ocasionaly FEMA will contribute, in which case the money is earmarked for a specific demographic, such as people left without shelter.	
SOA General Assistance	Income based, emergent need only, if eligible for temporary cash assistance, would deny general relief. \$120 per person,	Can apply monthly, but that will eventually lead to being denied. Monthly is discouraged. Only toward current bill, not past due bills.	Emergent need, limited, are they eligible for other programs? If so, may be denied. Have they received funds from other programs, is so, may be denied. Must have less than \$500 in the bank and less than \$300 of income per month.	If they see that the \$120 isn't going to cover the past due amount, they will be denied. Based on income during the month of application. State funded.
Moose Lodge	Depends on situation, often around \$250	Once a year.	Anyone who can demonstrate need.	Simply a form that needs to be filled out.
Elks Lodge	Depends on how much Lodge has in their fund. Cut check to City directly for the minimum amount they can pay to keep the lights on. Each situation is different.	One time only. Never again.	Anyone who can demonstrate need.	Application. Social and Community Welfare Fund, contributions from members. For electricity, they will verify need with the City.
SOA Heating Assistance Program	Cost of heating home must exceed housing subsidy by over \$200.	Once a year.	Seniors have priority, followed by those with demonstrated need.	Based on income in month prior to application. If heating is provided in rent (in subsidized housing) they are denied.

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Tlingit and Haida	Based on gross income and "points" based on "as needed" points (must have minimum of 2 "as needed" points). Number of points determines how much you can receive, \$175 per point. Food stamps = automatic qualifier, elderly and disabled = automatic qualifier, children <5 years of age, number of people in household all add points.	Once per grant year, can reapply subsequent year.	Native American and Alaska Native, Elderly are prioritized.	Energy Assistance Program, State Grants, (likely facing some cuts), Federal Grants.
Catholic Church	see notes	see notes	per Salvation Army guidelines	The Catholic Church acts as an assisting revenue source for the Salvation Army if and when they are needed.
SEARHC	Don't receive money, receive food tailored to the needs of the client. Vouchers are given, for certain foods and farmers markets, then store brings back to get reimbursed. Strictly food stuffs.	Based on income, on Denali kid care, or food stamps automatically qualify. There are income caps, above which the applicant is precluded.	Anyone who can meet income guidelines and are pregnant, post partum, breast feeding or with a child <5 years of age.	WIC ultimately funded by USDA through the SOA
Sitka Tribe of Alaska	\$250, depending on household	Once a month	Tribal members who are enrolled in Sitka and have been enrolled for a minimum of six months.	General or emergency assistance. Can be used for any utility or groceries.