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## **TOWN RESIDENTS URGED TO APPLY NOW FOR UTILITY PAYMENT ASSISTANCE**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. November 4, 2020** — Utility payment assistance is now available to Loudoun County residents who are experiencing economic hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Residential customers, including those in the Town of Purcellville, can request assistance to pay their electric, water, and gas bills. You can also receive assistance for propane, oil or wood, if those are used for heating or cooking.

Residents are urged to apply now to ensure that applications are completed by the **deadline of December 15, 2020**. You must meet income guidelines and show proof that you have been economically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as job loss, lowered income, or medical or child-care expenses. There is a maximum \$1,750 payment per qualifying household, which can be used to pay past-due or current-month utility bills.

To apply, **contact the COVID-19 Emergency Fund and Helpline at 703-669-5040**. The assistance program is administered by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington and Loudoun Cares, and supported by a CARES Act grant from Loudoun County.

For more information, visit [www.cdda.net/need-help/loudoun-county-utility-assistance.pdf](http://www.cdda.net/need-help/loudoun-county-utility-assistance.pdf)

Residents who may not qualify though the County are encouraged to contact 540-338-7093 or email [www.revenue@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:revenue@purcellvilleva.gov) for payment plan information.

### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is ranked “Safest City” in Virginia in 2020. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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