

Harnett County General Services

Utilities Access Program Harnett County General Services Statement of Activities

1. Statement of Activities:

This is a statement for funding consideration used to provide access to Harnett County Public Utilities water assistance for low-income and very-low-income owners of single-family homes in Harnett County, North Carolina. Harnett County General Services estimates there will be approximately sixty-seven (67%) of low-income families and thirty-three (33%) of very-low-income families served within the applicant pool. If approved, family is eligible for \$2,800 water tap at no cost, but will be required to complete connection to their home at their own cost.

2. Process for Pre-Qualifying Recipients:

In order to be eligible for assistance through the Community Development Division of Harnett County General Services, recipients must meet specific income-based and home feasibility criteria. All applications for assistance are available to all applicants regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, age, or family status and every effort will be made to include as many eligible applicants as possible.

Base eligibility is determined and supported by the following conditions:

The homeowner must first meet the adjusted income limits established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2023 Income Limit Table (see below). Only homeowner applicants are served therefore, solicitants must clearly demonstrate home ownership.

Specifically, recipients must prove they own and occupy the property that is to be serviced. In addition, household income must be at or below the low-income threshold for the number of persons living in the home as indicated in the Income Table (see below).

**2023 Income Limits for Harnett County
Utilities Access Program (UA23)**

Number in Household	Very Low Income	Low Income
1	\$26,100	\$41,750
2	\$29,800	\$47,700
3	\$33,550	\$53,650
4	\$37,250	\$59,600
5	\$40,250	\$64,400
6	\$43,250	\$69,150
7	\$46,200	\$73,950
8	\$49,200	\$78,700

***Income limits are subject to change based on annually published HUD HOME limits.**

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Grantor will process applications based on an annual first come first serve basis. Grantor will rank applicants using assigned points for information purposes and as defined in the following table:

Special Needs (for definitions, see below)	Points
Elderly Head of Household	3
Disabled Head of Household	3
Single-Parent Household (with one or more minors in the home)	2
Disabled or Elderly Occupant Member (not Head of House)	1
Large Family	1

Note: Applicants will be able to check all that apply

Definitions

Elderly: an individual aged 62 or older

Disabled: a person who has a physical, mental, or development disability that greatly limits one or more life activities, has a record or such impairment, or is regarded as having such impairment.

Minor: an individual in the home under the age of 18

Large Family: a large family household is composed of five or more individuals; at least four are immediate family members.

Occupant: an occupant is defined as any immediate family member who has resided in the dwelling for at least 3 months prior to application

Single-Parent Household: a household in which one and only one adult resides with one or more dependent children.

Eligible property will be determined by the following criteria:

- (1) Ability to secure additional funding for deposits and connection to the tap. If grant/loan application is approved, Harnett County Public Utilities will install tap, but only after deposit and utilities, account application is processed. The applicant/homeowner will have to provide the connection from water tap to their home. Note: Sixty days after water tap installation the homeowner may begin receiving a monthly fee for the installed water tap.
- (2) The property must be in an area serviced by the Harnett County Public Utilities Department.

3. Process for Determining Final Eligibility:

When required, a committee of human services advocates including representatives from the Department of Social Services, the Council on Aging, and the Health Department will review applicants based upon the pre-qualification ranking order. Although each applicant undergoes a methodical pre-qualification assessment, the committee will meet as needed to review and determine any additional extenuating circumstances that may necessitate one applicant over another. Additional information such as "water is not available within 500' of the property" will help the committee determine the feasibility of helping one applicant over another.

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Additional criteria may apply including:

Felony Conviction (in last 10 years)
Drug Convictions (in the last 10 years)
Non-payment of taxes

Note: Any person who knowingly makes a false statement or misrepresentation in connection with the application will not be eligible for the program.

4. Time Schedule:

Once a homeowner is notified their application is approved, the applicant will have 60 days to apply and begin installation of water line. The approved applicant will apply for the Public Utilities water tap and account at the Central Permitting Division of the Harnett County General Services Community Development Department.

Harnett County Central Permitting
420 McKinney Parkway
Lillington, NC 27546
910-893-7525, Option 2

5. Staffing:

Grantor staff will consist of:

Administrator – Barry A. Blevins, General Services, Director

Administrative Support and Accounting – Anna Peele, Administrative Assistant

6. Disclaimer:

Applicants will be responsible for their monthly water bill and any leaks that occur past the union nut at meter and their service line. This program is a one-time assistance provided to eligible applicants meeting the criteria stated in this document.

All approved Utilities Access Program participants will be responsible for completing a Harnett County Public Utilities account application, obtain a plumbing permit and schedule inspections, all available at Harnett County Development Services, Central Permitting Division (420 McKinney Parkway, Lillington, NC 27546).