

# Financial Relief Available for Qualifying Members

The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund

#### Lower-income residential TCEC members can receive bill credit assistance.

The Brazos Electric Ratepayer Hardship Fund was designed specifically to assist qualifying lower-income residential members of Tri-County Electric Cooperative and other participating Texas electric cooperatives. This program helps offset the ongoing financial impact of Winter Storm Uri recovery costs that continue to appear on your monthly electric bill.

### Two Ways to Qualify

### Automatic Qualification



If you currently receive <u>any</u> of these:

- SNAP (Food Stamps)
- Medicaid
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

### What You Need To Apply

- Recent TCEC electric bill, and
- Proof of participation (Medicaid letter, SNAP letter, SSI award letter, or TANF award letter)

### Income-Based Qualification



If your household income is at or below 200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Household Size (include yourself)	Maximum Yearly Income	Maximum Monthly Income	Maximum Weekly Income
1	\$31,300	\$2,608.33	\$601.92
2	\$42,300	\$3,525	\$813.46
3	\$53,300	\$4,441.67	\$1,025
4	\$64,300	\$5,358.33	\$1,236.54
5	\$75,300	\$6,275	\$1,448.08
6	\$83,920	\$7,191.67	\$1,659.62

### What You Need To Apply

- Recent TCEC electric bill, and
- Proof of household income from all household members.
- Examples include:
  - Pay stubs from last 2 months
  - Most recent tax return
  - A signed letter from employers detailing your wages
  - Social Security statements
  - Unemployment documentation
  - Bank statements showing direct deposits



## Ready to Apply? Take Action Today!

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This \$140 million fund provides targeted bill credits to eligible members for up to 24 months!

### **Important Details**

- Coverage: Credits apply only to Winter Storm Uri recovery charges (Brazos Rider) on your bill
- Duration: Assistance available for up to 24 months with periodic renewal required
- Credit Amounts: Vary based on your energy usage patterns
- Application: Available online and printable at: brazoshardshipfund.com

### Questions About the Program?

#### **Contact Hardship Fund Support:**

• Email: contact@brazoshardshipfund.com

• **Phone:** 844.770.8549

• Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

### Visit <u>brazoshardshipfund.com</u> to:

- · Complete your application online
- Download printable application forms
- · Review complete program guidelines
- Check application status

## Need Help Understanding Your Usage?

Check your consumption on TCEC's member portal at tcectexas.com/mytricountytx or call 817-444-3201 for details about your specific charges.



### **Understanding the Brazos Rider on Your Bill**

The Brazos Rider is a 1.2 cents per kWh charge that covers costs from Winter Storm Uri and a past power contract. For average monthly usage of 1,000 kWh, this represents a bill credit of about 6-7% of your total monthly cost.

Hardship Fund credits will only cover a portion of charges directly related to Winter Storm Uri (The Brazos Rider) - and credit amounts will vary based on your individual energy usage patterns.