Mason PUD 3
Prequalifying Customers for CARES funds

Customers impacted by COVID-19 may be able to receive help with past-due bills.

Mason PUD 3 has applied for $300,000 of CARES funding to help its customers who are behind with their electric bills due to impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the month of October, we are urging customers to prequalify by filling out an application on the PUD’s website or by calling customer service at 360-426-8255 to get pre-qualified. Since there is a limited timeframe that the funds will be available and they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis, please apply right away.

The intent of the CARES grants is to provide help to Mason County residents who have been impacted financially by the COVID-19 public health emergency at any time since March 1, 2020, due to job loss, reduction in work hours, layoff, illness or other circumstances that place them at risk of utility disconnect, and who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the application.

The application is simple and can be completed in a matter of minutes. No additional documentation is required. The award payments will be applied as credits to the eligible Applicant’s utility account by December of 2020. If you know someone who could use assistance, please pass this information along.

To prequalify for CARES grants:

- Visit: www.pud3.org/CARES
- Call PUD 3: 360-426-8255
- Please Don’t Delay!

Commissioners:
Thomas J. Farmer, President
Linda R. Gott, Vice President
Bruce E. Jorgenson, Secretary
When the call for help comes, our Mason PUD 3 team is ready to answer. One great thing about public power is the partnerships and mutual aid. When the Pearl Hill Fire torched over 223,000 acres and destroyed over 300 power poles leaving approximately 2,400 customers in the Douglas PUD service territory out of power, Douglas PUD called for mutual aid.

On Sunday, September 13, Mason PUD 3 had a crew packing equipment and preparing for the 5-hour drive to Douglas County.

The Mason PUD 3 crew was joined by over 120 linemen including contractors as well as other utilities throughout Washington state as part of the mutual aid agreement between public power utilities.

Mutual aid is just what it sounds like — utilities helping each other in times of need. When (and even before) a major disaster hits a utility’s territory and the utility knows that its own crews and equipment won’t be enough to restore power quickly, it calls for mutual aid. It provides its best estimate of how many people it needs and what type of skills they should have. The utility also specifies equipment and material needs. Other utilities in the network respond with what they can offer.

As community-owned resources, public power utilities are committed to improving the resiliency of their systems, responding expeditiously to disasters, and restoring service as quickly as possible.
Don’t get caught in the dark without a plan. Get Prepared.

www.pud3.org/prepared

Whatever the weather brings this fall and winter...

PUD 3 IS READY TO ROLL!

Round up your bill to the nearest dollar or choose a set dollar amount. Your extra change goes to Project Share, neighbors helping neighbors in need. Sign up today!

www.pud3.org/roundup

PUD 3 Helps You Save

An efficient heat pump can save on heating costs.

Are you thinking about converting to an efficient heat pump for your home? We can help! Take advantage of our heat pump incentives ranging from $1,300 to $2,100!

Contact the PUD 3 Conservation Department for information on all the incentives PUD 3 has to offer!

Email: conservation@masonpud3.org
Phone: (360) 426-0777

www.pud3.org/incentives

PUBLIC POWER WEEK
October 4-10

Public power utilities across the U.S. celebrate Public Power Week the first full week of October every year! This year in celebration, PUD 3 joins more than 2,000 other community-powered, not-for-profit electric utilities that collectively provides electricity to 49 million Americans!

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PUD 3 offices will remain closed for the foreseeable future. We recognize the unique challenges some customers have in doing business remotely with the PUD. Many new services have been implemented to help make the process easier, such as the addition of payment kiosks in downtown Shelton and at the Belfair warehouse, electronic forms, and dual-language communications. We appreciate your patience as we continue our efforts to provide reliable services throughout Mason County.

PUD 3 Employees Give Back to the Communities They Serve, and Beyond.

PUD 3 employees donated a total of $600 to support the backpack program through the Department of Social & Health Services for the 2020-2021 school year.

PUD 3 employees have self reported donating over $32,000 to local organizations including YMCA and United Way of Mason County.

Collectively, PUD 3 employees have volunteered over 3,300 hours of their time, supporting local organizations.

“Connecting our Community with Safe, Reliable, Economical, and Sustainable Services, 24/7.”