

Residential Utility Assistance Pilot Program (RUAP) – Recommended Updates

Ordinance 2025-12 –
Council Presentation

City Council Meeting
June 24, 2025

Program Overview

1. The Residential Utility Assistance Pilot Program (RUAP) was originally established under Ordinance 2024-06 to provide monthly utility credits to low-income homeowners and renters beginning January 1, 2025. The initial pilot period is scheduled to end June 30, 2025.
2. Provides monthly utility credits for low-income Moab residents.
 - Flat-rate subsidy: up to \$40/month per utility account.
3. Applies to Utility Bills
 - Subsidy is applied to the City of Moab Utility bill that includes, Water, Sewer, and Stormwater.
4. Owners/Renters
 - Available to both homeowners and renters in City limits currently with a utility account.



Original Pilot Overview

1. Low Participation

- Low participation in initial pilot (only ~\$3,000 used).
- We had 14 approved, currently down to 13. (renter moveout)

2. Demographic & Eligibility Notes

- 1 Applicant: On Social Security Disability.
- 1 Applicant: Identified as a minority and approved based on benefits.
- 6 Applicants: Senior citizens on Social Security.
- Remaining Applicants: Qualified either by:
 - Meeting income eligibility (within program guidelines), or
 - Enrolled in approved benefit programs (SNAP, TANF, etc.).

3. Removals & Denials/Outside city limits or Ineligible Inquiries

- 1 Removal: Participant moved out of the City of Moab during the benefit period.
- 2 Denials (not on approved list):
 - 1 due to exceeding income limits.
 - 1 for failing to provide required supporting documentation.
- 7 Individuals Contacted Us: Resided outside City limits – no application sent.
- 5 Apartment Residents Inquired:
 - No application sent due to the absence of a clause in the original program to address non-utility account holders or apartment billing arrangements.

Why Revisions Were Needed

1. Low Participation

- Only 16 applicants

2. Barriers for renters

- Not having a City of Moab utility account or do not pay utility account directly.

3. Need for stronger documentation and consistency in the program

4. Clarified documentation requirements and application

- for both homeowners and renters, including valid lease agreements and utility cost verification

5. Incorporating Council/staff feedback to improve access and equity.

- Program is new, and as we implement the program, we find updates required to improve.



Recommended Key program updates – Ordinance 2025-12

1. **Expanded eligibility**
 - Low participation in initial pilot (only ~\$3,000 used).
 - 14 approved applications, 13 current applicants
2. **Barriers for renters**
 - Barriers for renters not listed on utility accounts or living in an apartment complex.
3. **Improve Documentation and Eligibility requirements**
 - In programs such as SNAP, TANF, WIC, Medicaid, and other recognized public assistance
 - Change from Federal Poverty Levels to Area Median Income (next slide with details)
4. **Clarified documentation requirements and application process**
 - For both homeowners and renters, including valid lease agreements and utility cost verification
5. **Enhanced compliance structure including more detailed guidance for subsidy disbursement, especially in renter-landlord arrangements**
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6. **Defined the annual renewal process**
 - including required documentation and submission timelines



Grand County AMI/Compared to FPL

GRAND COUNTY QUALIFYING INCOMES AND HOUSING COSTS - 2022 - HUD Report

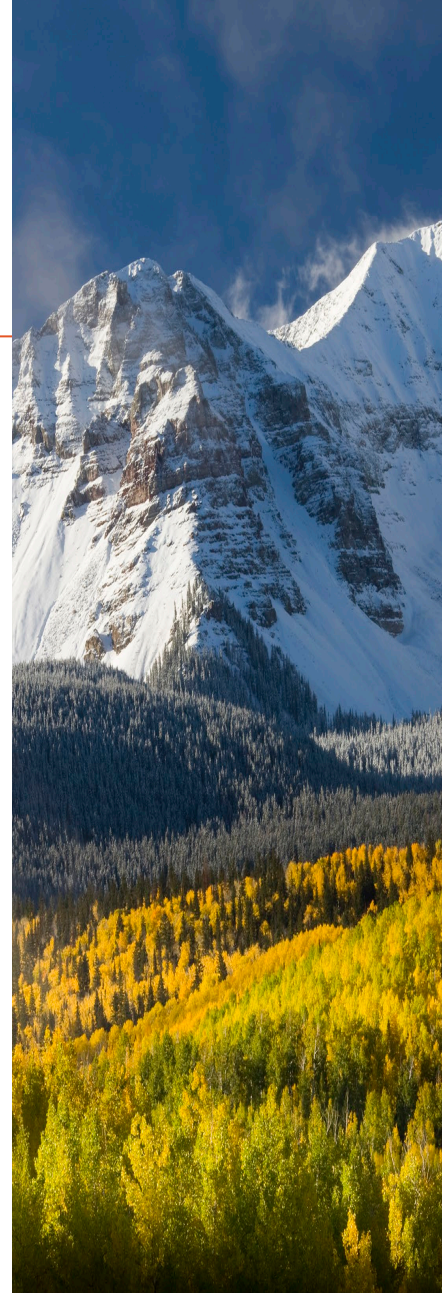
Grand County Income Limits

Year	2022 Grand Co AMI		\$ 70,600									
	50% (VLI)		60%		70%		80% (LI)		90%		100%	
1 person	\$ 29,050	\$ 34,850	\$ 40,650	\$ 46,450	\$ 52,250	\$ 58,050	\$ 63,850	\$ 69,650	\$ 75,450	\$ 81,250	\$ 87,050	\$ 92,850
2 person	\$ 33,200	\$ 39,800	\$ 46,400	\$ 53,000	\$ 59,600	\$ 66,200	\$ 72,800	\$ 79,400	\$ 86,000	\$ 92,600	\$ 99,200	\$ 105,800
3 person	\$ 37,350	\$ 44,800	\$ 52,250	\$ 59,700	\$ 67,150	\$ 74,600	\$ 82,050	\$ 89,500	\$ 96,950	\$ 104,400	\$ 111,850	\$ 119,300
4 person	\$ 41,450	\$ 49,750	\$ 58,050	\$ 66,300	\$ 74,550	\$ 82,800	\$ 91,050	\$ 99,300	\$ 107,550	\$ 115,800	\$ 124,050	\$ 132,300
5 person	\$ 44,800	\$ 53,750	\$ 62,700	\$ 71,650	\$ 80,600	\$ 89,550	\$ 98,500	\$ 107,450	\$ 116,400	\$ 125,350	\$ 134,300	\$ 143,250
6 person	\$ 48,100	\$ 57,750	\$ 67,350	\$ 76,950	\$ 86,550	\$ 96,150	\$ 105,750	\$ 115,350	\$ 124,950	\$ 134,550	\$ 144,150	\$ 153,750
7 person	\$ 51,400	\$ 61,700	\$ 72,000	\$ 82,250	\$ 92,500	\$ 102,750	\$ 113,000	\$ 123,250	\$ 133,500	\$ 143,750	\$ 154,000	\$ 164,250
8 person	\$ 54,750	\$ 65,700	\$ 76,650	\$ 87,550	\$ 98,450	\$ 109,350	\$ 120,250	\$ 131,150	\$ 142,050	\$ 152,950	\$ 163,850	\$ 174,750
9 person	\$ 58,050	\$ 69,650	\$ 81,300	\$ 92,850	\$ 104,400	\$ 115,950	\$ 127,500	\$ 139,050	\$ 150,600	\$ 162,150	\$ 173,700	\$ 185,250

2025 Poverty Guidelines: 48 Contiguous States (all states except Alaska and Hawaii)

Dollars Per Year

Household/ Family Size	50%	75%	100%	125%	130%	133%	135%	138%	150%	175%	180%	185%
1	7,825.00	11,737.50	15,650.00	19,562.50	20,345.00	20,814.50	21,277.50	21,597.00	23,475.00	27,387.50	28,170.00	28,952.50
2	10,575.00	15,862.50	21,150.00	26,437.50	27,495.00	28,129.50	28,552.50	29,187.00	31,725.00	37,012.50	38,070.00	39,127.50
3	13,325.00	19,987.50	26,650.00	33,312.50	34,645.00	35,444.50	35,977.50	36,777.00	39,975.00	46,637.50	47,970.00	49,302.50
4	16,075.00	24,112.50	32,150.00	40,187.50	41,795.00	42,759.50	43,402.50	44,367.00	48,225.00	56,262.50	57,870.00	59,477.50
5	18,825.00	28,237.50	37,650.00	47,062.50	48,945.00	50,074.50	50,827.50	51,957.00	56,475.00	65,887.50	67,770.00	69,652.50
6	21,575.00	32,362.50	43,150.00	53,937.50	56,095.00	57,389.50	58,252.50	59,547.00	64,725.00	75,512.50	77,670.00	79,827.50
7	24,325.00	36,487.50	48,650.00	60,812.50	63,245.00	64,704.50	65,677.50	67,137.00	72,975.00	85,137.50	87,570.00	90,002.50
8	27,075.00	40,612.50	54,150.00	67,687.50	70,395.00	72,019.50	73,102.50	74,727.00	81,225.00	94,762.50	97,470.00	100,177.50
9	29,825.00	44,737.50	59,650.00	74,562.50	77,545.00	79,334.50	80,527.50	82,317.00	89,475.00	104,387.50	107,370.00	110,352.50
10	32,575.00	48,862.50	65,150.00	81,437.50	84,695.00	86,649.50	87,952.50	89,907.00	97,725.00	114,012.50	117,270.00	120,527.50
11	35,325.00	52,987.50	70,650.00	88,312.50	91,845.00	93,964.50	95,377.50	97,497.00	105,975.00	123,637.50	127,170.00	130,702.50
12	38,075.00	57,112.50	76,150.00	95,187.50	98,995.00	101,279.50	102,802.50	105,087.00	114,225.00	133,262.50	137,070.00	140,877.50
13	40,825.00	61,237.50	81,650.00	102,062.50	106,145.00	108,594.50	110,227.50	112,677.00	122,475.00	142,887.50	146,970.00	151,052.50
14	43,575.00	65,362.50	87,150.00	108,937.50	113,295.00	115,909.50	117,652.50	120,267.00	130,725.00	152,512.50	156,870.00	161,227.50



Financial Summary

1. **FY24-25 Budget Reivew**
 - Budget was \$75,000 (only ~\$3,000 used).
2. **FY25-26 Budget Review**
 - \$75,000 was approved for the program.
3. **Program remains within current budgeted criteria, and does not add additional financial**
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Thank you!

Questions?

