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**Additional Assistance for Water & Sewer Bills Soon Available
Through the State of Ohio's Home Relief and Small Business Relief Grants**

BOWLING GREEN, Ohio, - The Northwestern Water and Sewer District wants area residents and businesses to know about two programs funded through the federal CARES Act available to help individuals and small businesses with their water and sewer bills during the COVID-19 crisis. The State of Ohio recently announced information on the [Home Relief Grant](#), designed help eligible Ohioans who are behind on rent, mortgage, and water and/or sewer utility bills catch up on past payments back to April 1, 2020 and provide additional assistance through December 30, 2020. The [Small Business Relief Grant](#) (SBRG) is also designed relief to Ohio businesses to assist with utility payments.

Ohioans will be able to apply for assistance through their local [Community Action Agency](#) starting **November 2, 2020**. Ohio households with an annual income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines will be eligible for assistance. For more on how to apply for the SBRG, [click here](#). These funds will be limited, so those in need are encouraged to apply as soon as possible beginning November 2, 2020.

Complete information on how to apply for this program is available at [the State of Ohio's Development Services Agency](#).

In addition to this grant, District customers who are eligible may also apply for assistance using The District's Pay-It-Forward Program. Pay It Forward uses generous donations from our customers to help one another with water & sewer bills during a financial

emergency. Donations are forwarded to the Salvation Army to assist people in need to keep their utilities on. More information on how to donate and apply for this program is available at nwwsd.org.

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Our goal is to be the premier water and wastewater provider in Northwestern Ohio. We are committed to sound financial management, responsible environmental stewardship, responsive public service, superior customer service, and responsible economic growth. We strive to field a skilled, respectful, and cooperative workforce dedicated to the highest professional and ethical standards; we support them with appropriate training and technology.

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