## CSET helps Farmersville COVID-19 impacted families with utility bills - The Sun-Gazette Newspaper

Farmersville Families struggling to meet their utility payments are encouraged to contact CSET for utility assistance

FARMERSVILLE – In partnership with the city of Farmersville, Community Services Employment Training is now offering utility bill payment assistance to residents directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Households who are facing urgent financial needs, have encountered a loss of essential utility services and are in need of an emergency payment are strongly encouraged to apply. The utility bill payment assistance will help qualified households pay for their water, sewer, trash and internet utility bills.

Households interested in applying must meet all applicable income eligibility verification requirements. Only one pre-application per household will be accepted and a verifiable hardship is required to receive assistance. Verification documents needed to apply for

assistance include: certification of loss of income due to COVID-19; proof that loss of essential utility services is at risk and emergency payment is needed; and copy of the household's utility bills requested for payment.

Eligible applicants may call the Energy Assistance Hotline at 1-844-224-1316 for more information on how to apply. CSET's Energy Services department provides energy efficiency services at no cost to help Tulare County families stay safe and healthy. Yearly, more than 5,500 households receive energy assistance, preventing a utility service disconnection or termination for low-income households. Additionally, 130 homes countywide are weatherized, keeping families warm and cool yearlong all while reducing heating and cooling costs. To learn more visit www.cset.org/energy-services.

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