

# **Town of Boone Community Assistance Program**

## *How to Support Local Nonprofits using your Water & Sewer Bill*



### **What is the Community Assistance Program?**

The Town of Boone Community Assistance program works to provide financial support to select non-profit organizations that deliver services within the Town of Boone. Individuals that are Town of Boone Water & Sewer customers have a unique opportunity to support this program through their monthly utility bill. By filling out and submitting the Water/Sewer Community Assistance Program Enrollment Form, you can be a part of this exciting program. Participating customers can choose to add an additional recurring fixed amount to their monthly water/sewer bill, or make a one-time donation. Customers are in full control of the amount they wish to be added to their bills, making this program fit any budget. Participating customers will be part of a program that has a very real impact on our local nonprofits and the community members they serve.

#### **Choose to participate with....**

- 1. A fixed, recurring amount added to monthly water/sewer bills**

**OR**

- 2. A one-time donation added to one water/sewer bill**

*Note: Donation amounts are self-set, and participants can choose to stop participating at any time.*

## **How does Community Assistance work?**

Participation in the Community Assistance Program is completely voluntary, and customers control the amount they wish to donate. Participation in this program can accommodate a customer's budget while providing a consistent and protected way for them to donate to nonprofits that address local needs. These contributions are also tax-deductible. A link to the "Water/Sewer Community Assistance Program Enrollment Form" is attached to this document. After customers complete and submit this form they will be enrolled in the Community Assistance Program. The amount they choose to donate will then be added to their water/sewer bill, making enrollment and continued participation simple.

## **What does this Program Support?**

Every year, local nonprofit organizations apply to receive financial assistance from the Town of Boone. The Boone Town Council appoints an Outside Agency Funding Committee that reviews these applications and recommends which organizations should be selected for funding. A contract is then drafted between the town and the selected organizations, where funding rates are determined and the organization is further evaluated. Selected organizations must show they make a real impact addressing needs within the Town of Boone. Several organizations are given funding from the town each year, serving a diverse range of local needs from addressing food insecurity to supporting at-risk youth in our community. These selected organizations receive funding through the town budget, but the Community Assistance Program uses customer water/sewer bills to offer an additional way for the town to support them. All of the money collected by the Community Assistance Program will be disbursed to the town-selected charitable organizations, which will help boost the overall financial support they get from the town.

***Your participation in this program helps support local nonprofits that address local needs and serve vulnerable members of our community. Sign up today!***

## **Sign Up for the Community Assistance Program Today!**

*Town of Boone Water/Sewer Customers can sign up either in person or by mail.*

- Sign up in person by visiting the Utility Billing Office at Town Hall, 567 West King Street, Boone NC 28608
- OR**
- Sign up by printing and mailing the “Water/Sewer Community Assistance Program Enrollment Form” to the Utility Billing Office at Town Hall, 567 West King Street Boone NC 28608.
    - Link to the Water/Sewer Community Assistance Program Enrollment Form: <http://www.townofboone.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/CommunityAssistanceEnrollmentForm.pdf>

### **Current non-profits partnering with the Town of Boone are:**

1. Hospitality House - <https://www.hosphouse.org/>
2. Community Care Clinic - <http://ccclinic.org/>
3. The Children’s Playhouse - <https://goplayhouse.org/>
4. Blue Ridge Women in Agriculture - <https://www.brwia.org/>
5. Friends of the Watauga County Public Library - <https://www.arlibrary.org/about-watauga-library/friends-of-watauga-library>
6. Hunger & Health Coalition - <https://www.hungerandhealthcoalition.com/>
7. Mountain Alliance - <https://www.mountainalliance.org/>
8. Western Youth Network - <https://www.westernyouthnetwork.org/>

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