

Memo

MEMO TO: Bill Weaver, Sewer Department Director
FROM: Niki Hentz, Authority Accountant
DATE: May 17, 2023
SUBJECT: PAHAF (Pennsylvania Homeowners Assistance Fund)

The PAHAF was created in 2021 under the American Rescue Plan and was funded by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The program covers the following homeowner expenses:

- Mortgage
- Property taxes and Insurance (if escrowed in mortgage payment)
- HOA fees
- Electric
- Heating fuel
- Water/Sewer

The program was being administered by a third-party company, who was overwhelmed by the initial application load. In early 2023 the state made the decision to bring the program administration into the state. They closed the original program down and restarted the program. Original applicants that they could identify were contacted and assisted in reapplying. Those in the greatest need are being processed as quickly as possible to no longer delay the needed financial assistance.

Lower Paxton Township Authority was contacted by the new administrators requesting our participation in this program. After participation in a webinar, we signed up immediately to be a partner with the program. Within a week we were contacted with our first request for information on an outstanding sewer account. We have since received payment in full, from the PAHAF program in the amount of \$4,227.68.

The Authority office staff has also been sharing information on this program with homeowners that are in arrears on their accounts as a possible avenue for receiving assistance to pay their accounts.