



## B.E.A.R. (Banning Electric Alternative Rate) Program

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

B.E.A.R. is a program established by the City of Banning to assist qualified low-income city residents with their electric bill. The program is administered by the City of Banning and is funded by the state mandated Electric Public Benefits Charge. Upon approval, qualified applicants will be put on the Low Income Qualified Baseline Service rate, which will result in an annual discount of up to \$335 on the electric portion of their utility bill. Participants must re-apply every two years. B.E.A.R. funds are available to City of Banning households who meet the following requirements and income guidelines.

### REQUIREMENTS:

#### THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE:

*(Failure to provide the necessary documentation will be grounds for rejection of application)*

- Applicants must have a current City of Banning electric account that has been active for a minimum of twelve (12) months. Senior Citizens, 62 years of age or older, and disabled individuals are exempt from this requirement.
- Must meet income eligibility guidelines as indicated below.
- Provide copy of current, valid, Driver’s License or California I.D.
- Provide documentation of income from all sources for **everyone** in the household during the **most recent four week period**, which may include:
  - Paycheck Stubs, Social Security Award Letter, Unemployment Check Stubs, Current Cash Aid/Cal Fresh Notice of Action or Award Letter, Disability Insurance Payments, Alimony, Child Support, Workers Comp, Retirement Benefits, Investment/Bank/Insurance Statements, etc.
- If self-employed, please provide all copies of current Form 1040 and Schedule C income tax forms. Enter the amount on line 7 (Gross income) from schedule C, on line 1 of B.E.A.R. application.

#### Income Guidelines:

Household Size	Total Gross Monthly Income* Does Not Exceed	Total Gross Yearly Income* Does Not Exceed
1	\$2,655	\$31,860
2	\$2,655	\$31,860
3	\$3,345	\$40,180
4	\$4,040	\$48,500
5	\$4,735	\$56,820
6	\$5,425	\$65,140
7	\$6,120	\$73,460
8	\$6,815	\$81,780

\* Income levels are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines and are subject to change.

*Senior Citizens (62 years of age or older), upon approval of B.E.A.R. application, are also eligible for a year round discount of \$2.00 per month.*