

• **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 \$380 on the electric portion of their utility bill. Participants must re-apply on an annual basis. B.E.A.R. funds are available to City of Banning households who meet the following requirements and income guidelines.

Requirements:

1. Must have a current City of Banning electric power account that has been active for a minimum of twelve (12) months. Seniors citizens, 62 years of age or older and disabled individuals are exempt from this requirement.
2. Must meet income eligibility guidelines as indicated below.
3. Provide documentation for **ALL** income for everyone in the household during the most recent four week period.
4. Provide copy of current, valid, Driver’s License or California I.D.
5. **All supporting documents must be included in order to process application.**

Income Guidelines:

Household Size	Total Gross Monthly Income* Does Not Exceed	Total Gross Yearly Income* Does Not Exceed
1	\$1,805	\$21,660
2	\$2,428	\$29,140
3	\$3,052	\$36,620
4	\$3,675	\$44,100
5	\$4,298	\$51,580
6	\$4,922	\$59,060
7	\$5,545	\$66,540
8	\$6,168	\$74,020

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

Senior Citizens (62 yrs. of age or older), upon approval of BEAR application, are also eligible for a year round discount charge of \$2.00 per month.