

The City of Black Diamond offers utility rate reductions of up to 50% for water, sewer and stormwater* charges for qualifying residents.

* **NOTICE:** Stormwater Collection will be taken over by King County in 2018. The annual charge will be added to property tax bills and paid by home owners.

Do I qualify?

- Applicants must be the head of household at the qualifying residence, **and**
- Applicants must be a Black Diamond resident and responsible for paying water, sewer and/or stormwater services from the City of Black Diamond, **and**
- Applicant must be low-income and at least 62 years of age or older, or low-income and permanently and totally disabled, **and**
- Total household income shall not exceed the limits as set annually by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (income limit table inside), **and**
- Total liquid assets in my household are less than \$50,000



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TO:

You may qualify
for discounted
Utility Rates!

City of Black Diamond

2017 – 2018
Application

Lifeline
Utility Rate
Relief
Program

Updated April 2017

Lifeline Program

Be sure to Attach Copies of Qualifying Documentation to this Application

2017-2018 Lifeline Program Application

The Black Diamond City Council is offering up to a 50% discount for qualified low-income seniors and low-income disabled residents. To qualify you must be the head of household, low income and be at least 62 years of age, or permanently disabled, or have a household member on kidney dialysis at home. The discount will apply to water; city share of sewer and stormwater rates (does not apply to King County Metro Sewer). The kidney dialysis discount applies only to the water rates. Annual applications are required by May 31st each year. Eligible incomes are updated periodically by the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and include total household income. Eligible incomes are based on household size. If an applicant is a senior, low income and disabled, only one discount will apply. For the actual discount rate, check on the City of Black Diamond's website or call 360 886-5700.

Official HUD Guidelines March 2017

| Household Size | Maximum Annual Gross Income |
|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 50,400 |
| 2 | 57,600 |
| 3 | 64,800 |
| 4 | 72,000 |
| 5 | 77,800 |
| 6 | 83,550 |
| 7 | 89,300 |
| 8 | 95,050 |

Citizens applying for the Lifeline discount program should complete the application in this brochure, attach the appropriate documentation and return the form to the Finance Office at Black Diamond City Hall.

For discount renewals, a new application is required each year by June 15. Documentation includes a copy of a driver's license or birth certificate for proof of age; a full copy of the most recent tax return, social security annual statement, or annual retirement statement for proof of income; a copy of disability payments from SSI or SSDA and a signed and dated copy of a physician's statement of permanent disability for disability requests and for kidney dialysis patients.

New in 2017, in addition to income limitations, total Liquid Assets* held by household members shall not exceed \$50,000. The term "Liquid Assets" means Bank or Savings Accounts, Stock, Bonds, Certificates of Deposits or any other Assets which may be readily converted to cash.

Annual gross income is the income of yourself, your spouse, and that of any other tenants living in the home. Some examples of annual gross income include:

- Wages, salaries, and tips
- Interest and dividends
- IRA withdrawals
- Gross Social Security benefits (before deductions)
- Business income
- Pension and annuity receipts
- Governmental assistance

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Account number: _____

Telephone number: _____

Please check the appropriate boxes:

- Owner Renter
 Disabled Kidney dialysis

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Number of people living at this address: _____

Attach income for each household member over 18.

Annual **gross** income _____

By checking this box, I affirm that our household liquid assets are less than \$50,000.

I am aware other documentation may be required to verify income. I certify the information I provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I agree to notify the city if my income or liquid assets increase enough to disqualify me. I understand that if I receive assistance, and have not truly disclosed all pertinent information, the city may recover the costs for the period I was ineligible, plus a penalty.

| Signature | For City Use Only | | Dated |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|--|-------|
| Verification _____ | Date _____ | | |
| Age _____ | Income _____ | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> In system | Date _____ | | |