

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

Do I qualify?

- Applicants must be a Black Diamond resident **and**
- Applicant must be low-income and at least 62 years of age or older, or low-income and disabled, or low-income and be a parent or guardian to a disabled minor, or a resident receiving in-home kidney dialysis, or be a Veteran with a VA determined, 100% service-connected disability **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 the household are less than \$50,000

For discount renewals, a new application may be required each year by June 1.

In December 2019, Black Diamond City Council authorized the Lifeline Utility discount to apply to eligible single family residences and extended the program to qualified residents of manufactured home parks, apartments, duplexes or ADU's. This extension to a resident who rents or leases requires an additional Verification of Residency Form to be signed by the property owner.



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You may qualify
for discounted
Utility Rates!



City of
Black Diamond
Lifeline
Utility Discount
Program

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Lifeline Utility Discount

The Black Diamond City Council is offering up to a 50% discount for qualified low-income Black Diamond single family and multi family residences. To qualify your *combined household annual gross income must not exceed HUD guidelines and you must meet one of the following criteria:

- ◆ A low-income senior 62 years of age or older
- ◆ A low-income disabled resident, or the parent(s) or guardian(s) of a disabled minor, or a resident receiving in-home kidney dialysis
- ◆ A Veteran with a VA determined, 100% service-connected disability

The discount will apply to water; city share of sewer and stormwater rates (does not apply to King County Metro Sewer or King County billed Stormwater rates). The kidney dialysis discount applies only to the water rates. Eligible incomes are updated periodically by the Federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) and includes 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 360-851-4500.

Residents applying for the Lifeline Utility Discount Program should complete an application, attach the appropriate documentation and return the form to the Finance Office at Black Diamond City Hall.

Documentation to be included:

- a copy of a driver’s license, ID card, 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(s)
- a copy of disability payments from SSI or SSDA
- a signed and dated copy of a physician’s statement for home kidney dialysis patients.
- Rent or lease applicants require a signed Residency Verification Form

In addition to income limitations, total Liquid Assets held by household members shall not exceed \$50,000. 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 others living at the residence. Some examples of annual gross income include:

- Wages (W-2)
- SSA or SSI Benefits Letter
- DSHS Benefits letter (all pages)
- Retirement or Pension
- IRA or Annuity Distributions
- Interest or Dividend (Schedule B)
- Business
- Capital Gains
- Rental
- Trust, Partnership, Estate or Royalty
- Unemployment
- Child Support or Alimony
- VA Benefit or Disability
- L & I Payment Statement
- Cashed Bonds, Life Insurance
- Any other sources or income

Official HUD Guidelines March 2019

Household Size	Maximum Annual Gross Income
1	56,200
2	64,200
3	72,250
4	80,250
5	86,200
6	93,100
7	99,750
8	105,950

A Lifeline Application can be printed at www.ci.blackdiamond.wa.us under the Finance section