

**GRANBY WATER
BILL
ASSISTANCE**

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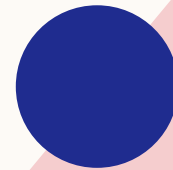
AGENDA

Introduction

Root Problem and Demographics

Water Bill Assistance Program

Question



INTRODUCTION

- The Town of Granby is a down valley community located in Grand County approximately 20 minutes from Winter Park Ski Resort and 20 minutes from the West Entrance to Rocky Mountain National Park.
- 4 Water systems serving different major area (NSA, SSA, WSA, and Moraine Park).
- Total population of 2,200 residents with some daytime populations reaching 8,000 people.
- 2021 Median Household Income is \$65,000
- Large annexations throughout the years of Grand Elk, Granby Ranch, and River Run/Smith Creek (HOA or Private Communities).
- No Annexation into “Old Town Granby” since 1990’s

NSA WATER PLANT

- Built in 1983 (Bond paid off in 2022, payments of about \$20,500/year)
- Surface water system on Fraser River
- Improvements have always been done on limited budgets
- Rated for 1mil gallons per day, current at 330K per day
- Increases to rates have either not been done or have been limited over past 20 years
- 2021 had a reserve of only approximately \$1 million with operating losses since 2019
- 780 Taps with limited future growth on horizon
- 2022 SGM study found about \$30 million in improvements needed to be made (mirrored study for improvements from 2011)
- \$21 Million estimated costs for new plant

NSA RATES

Year	Facility Fee/Quarter	Usage Rate/1,000 Gallons
2019	\$54.63	\$6.62
2020	\$65.00	\$6.62
2021	\$86.85	\$6.62
2022	\$86.85	\$6.62
2023	\$195.41	\$8.16
2024	\$298.66	\$12.47
Increase	446.70%	88.37%

\$26,000,000 STEAK SANDWICH

- In March 2023 Town was informed the estimates on the new plant would be \$5 million more than initial estimates due to inflation and rising costs if plant was to begin construction in 2024.

WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Goal to provide financial assistance to qualifying households for some of the costs involved with water bills
 - Had to be less than 10% of revenues in each enterprise fund
- Began Jan. 2023
- Eligible households in NSA, WSA, SSA
 - Moraine Park not eligible due to not being annexed into Town limits
- Assisting with facility charge for NSA and WSA for \$195.41 or for SSA \$156.46
- 80% AMI restriction
 - 13 families in NSA and 9 in WSA - \$11,000 in 2023 used
 - \$50,000 budgeted in 2023
- Grant to local non-profit to handle the administration
 - New program for them as they offer utility assistance, but not specifically water assistance

WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- Driven by Town Board to try and offer some relief to the community due to huge increases in costs
- Asst. Town Manager Schafer managed project
- Used the facility fee rate as it was easiest to understand without much explanation
 - Facility fee is a fixed cost
- Customers can also use the Grand Foundation for other assistance
- Most streamlined and direct approach to assistance for water payments
 - Distributed from general funds so likely a “feel good” item
- NSA is longer term residents, older folks, and fixed income community

QUESTIONS

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