

**Table: Potential Options for an Expanded Lifeline Program**

<i>OPTIONS FOR OLYMPIA LIFELINE PROGRAM</i>	<i>IMPLEMENTATION APPROACH</i>	<i>LIMITATIONS TO COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION</i>	<i>EXPECTED AND POTENTIAL HIGH LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION</i>	<i>EXPECTED AND POTENTIAL NEW ANNUAL COSTS TO CITY UTILITIES AND LOTT</i>	<i>ANNUAL COST TO NON-SUBSIDIZED SINGLE FAMILY ACCOUNT</i>
<p><b>Option 1: Increase community awareness and participation in current program:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use current City threshold (US HUD Section 8 very low and extremely low income)</li> <li>• Disability or age 62</li> </ul>	<p>Implement a more aggressive public outreach strategy (e.g., front counter information, online payment software).</p> <p>Maintains current billing structure.</p>	<p>In combination, the three thresholds are restrictive, but community participation in the program could potentially be improved.</p>	<p><b>Current: 250 accounts maintained</b>            Expected: 50 more accounts  <b>Potential: 75 more accounts</b></p> <p>All subsequent options assume that current participation will be maintained and transition to a modified program.</p>	<p>Current program cost is \$172,000 including LOTT's participation.</p> <p>Expected new cost: \$37,500            Potential new cost: \$56,000</p>	<p>Current cost: \$5.10            Expected new cost: \$1.14            Potential new cost: \$1.71</p> <p>Associated rate increases: 0.1 and 0.15%</p>
<p>Option 2: Using current program thresholds, work with housing agencies to assist renters.</p>	<p>Willingness and ability of partners to help implement a program. Not supportable at this time.</p> <p>Potentially targets most in need by working with housing assistance programs and property owners providing Section 8 assistance.</p>	<p>As with Option 1, the three thresholds are restrictive.</p> <p>The only option providing assistance to multifamily renters.</p>	<p>Expected: N/A            Potential: N/A</p>	<p>Expected new cost: N/A            Potential new cost: N/A</p>	<p>Expected new cost: N/A            Potential new cost: N/A</p>
<p>Option 3: Maintain current City income thresholds (US HUD Section 8 housing assistance), but eliminate disability and age restrictions.</p>	<p>Modify City ordinance. Significantly increase program administration support.</p> <p>Assume LOTT will not participate in this option. This will reduce the discount from its current 50% to approximately 35%.</p>	<p>Relatively high Section 8 income levels relative to poverty levels would facilitate wide-spread participation.</p> <p>Multifamily renters would not be assisted. Single family and duplex renters would be.</p>	<p>Assume following single family and duplex participation:</p> <p><b>Current: 250 accounts maintained</b>            Expected: 410 more accounts  <b>Potential: 880 more accounts</b></p>	<p>Expected new cost: \$213,000            Potential new cost: \$457,000</p> <p>Plus increased administration staff support (\$30,000?).</p>	<p>Expected new cost: \$8.39            Potential new cost: \$18.00</p> <p>Associated rate increases: 0.58 and 1.24%</p> <p>Plus increased administration staff support.</p>