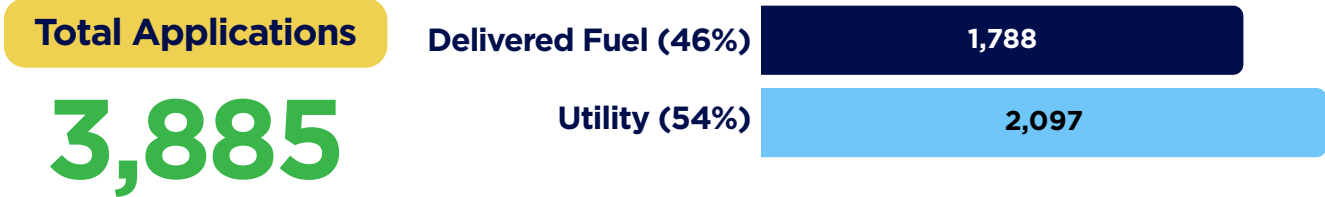


Report to Low-Income Energy & Water Advisory Board

Emergency Energy Assistance Program:

Cycle 4, March 2-10: Under Review. Applicants will receive determination by April 30, 2026



Service Status
288 applicants (about 7%) reported being shut off/out of fuel



Application Access
66% applied independently, **34%** applied via an ASC partner



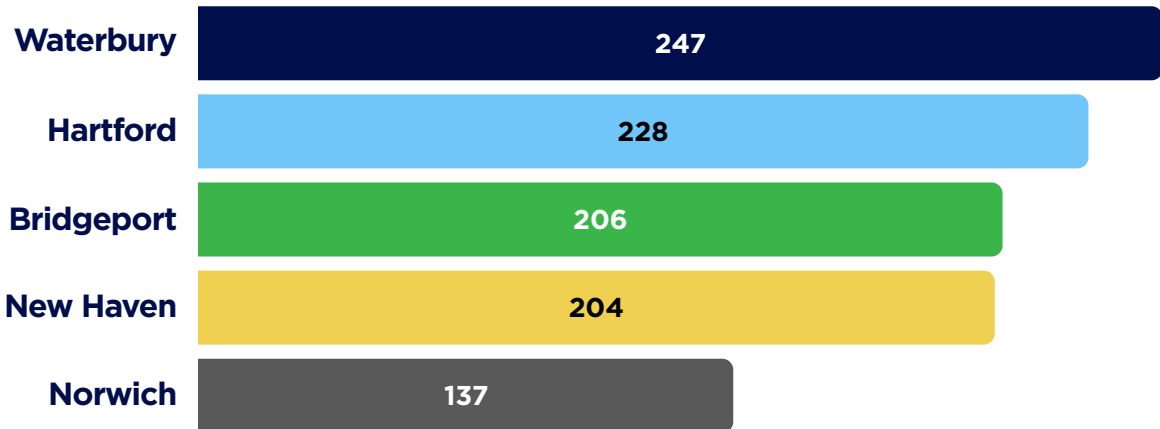
Vulnerability
52% of applicants have a vulnerable aged household member



Categoral Eligibility
41% applied with CEAP;
12% with SSI

We have funding to support between 1,500-2,000 applications this cycle. Unfortunately, we expect to deny hundreds of applicants due to lack of funds. To help us support as many families as possible, please support (visit, give, share) our Utility Assistance Fund before **April 17: <https://gpct.org/uaf/>**

Cycle 4, Top 5 Towns by Applications:



Water Assistance Program:

GPCT's water programs run on the calendar year, opening every January and going through December or until funds expire. For more information, please visit <https://gpct.org/water/>.

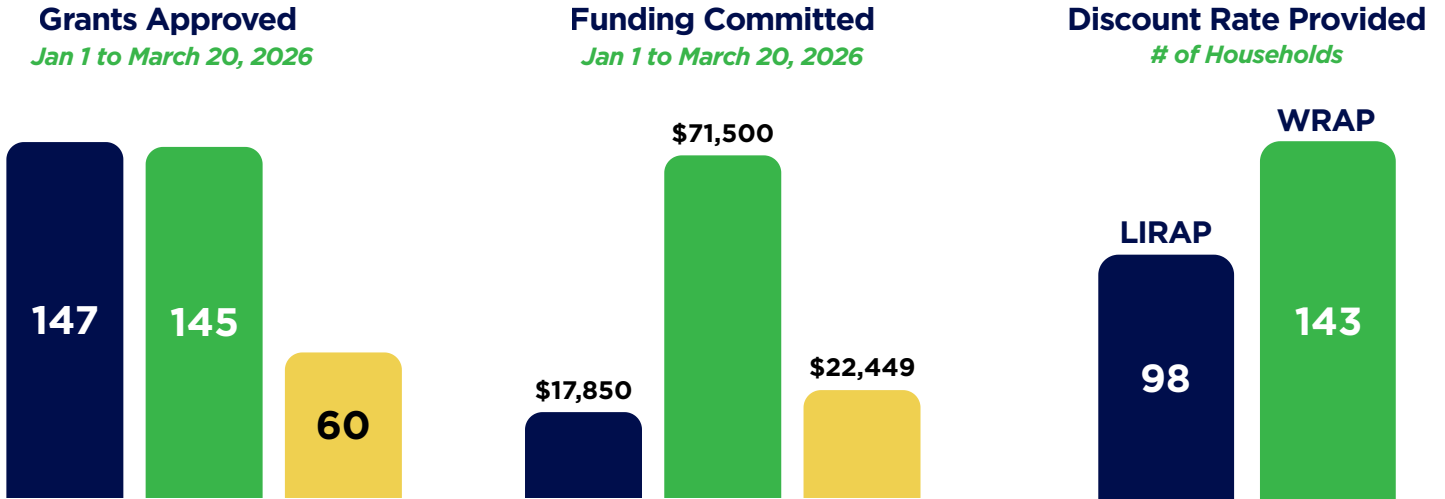
Water programs run the calendar year. Aquarion funding ran out at the end of 2025. About 60 customers enrolled in LIRAP during that time; then returned to GPCT in the new year for bill assistance.

GPCT Water Assistance, January 1 - March 20, 2026

● Aquarion

● CT Water Co.

● MDC



Policy Updates:



From left to right: State Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, CEMA President, Chris Herb, and GPCT Chief Policy & Public Affairs Officer, Gannon Long

On March 3, 2026, GPCT held a press conference with Human Services Co-Chair State Rep. Jillian Gilchrest, and president of CEMA, Chris Herb, to alert the public to our final program cycle of FY 2026; and to thank the legislature and Governor for distributing the funds.

We are deploying \$500,000 in funding that the legislature awarded to GPCT in June 2025, for our fourth and final cycle of FY 2026, which closed March 10, 2026.



GPCT will receive an additional

\$1M

in FY 2027 from this allocation

At the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA), GPCT responded to PURA's notice on **February 11**, in the medical protection docket (25-06-28). We submitted a **final correspondence** on March 6.

GPCT will participate in PURA's 2026 Annual Energy Affordability Review docket (26-05-01).