

# NEED HELP PAYING YOUR ELECTRIC BILL?

## You may be eligible if:

- Your power has been shut off
- You have received a shut-off notice that you are not able to pay
- You are two months behind on your electric bill
- You have not received assistance from **POWER TO SENIORS** in the past 5 years.

## To qualify for assistance you must be:

- 62 years or older and
- Your income cannot exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level.

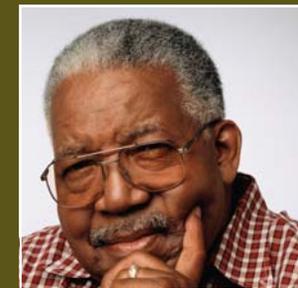
If you live in a multi-generational household, you must have a “caretaker” relationship with at least one other person in the household.

To discuss payment assistance, please call Golden Umbrella at 530-223-6034.

[www.goldenumbrella.org](http://www.goldenumbrella.org)



# Power to Seniors



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## Older Adult Policy Council

## POWER TO SENIORS



**POWER TO SENIORS** is a program that helps older adults pay their energy bills when they have inadequate resources. The program is managed by Golden Umbrella and every dollar goes directly to pay utility bills.

Over the past 10 years, the community has contributed more than \$265,000 to **POWER TO SENIORS** and helped more than 725 older adults to keep their electricity on.

The typical recipient is an older adult on a fixed income who has received a “past due” notice on their utility bill. The average payment is between \$500 - \$1000.

Staff works closely with each recipient to assure that they use all other possible resources prior to taking a donation from **POWER TO SENIORS**. Staff also works with families to develop a budget to prevent the problem from re-occurring and makes referrals for other community resources.

## CELEBRITY SOUP KITCHEN

The Celebrity Soup Kitchen is the annual fundraising event sponsored by the Older Adult Policy Council to support **POWER TO SENIORS**. The event includes:

- **Gourmet soups** provided by local chefs and restaurants.
- Soups served by local **dignitaries** and **community celebrities**.
- Live entertainment.
- Fabulous **raffle prizes** donated by City and County departments, local organizations and businesses.
- **Delicious desserts**.



To learn more about the OAPC, contact Susan Morris Wilson at 530.524.4777 or visit [www.shastasenionetwork.org](http://www.shastasenionetwork.org)

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

### Contribute to the SHARE program

Households and businesses can contribute when paying their Redding Electric Utility bill by including a specific donation amount on the line for **POWER TO SENIORS / SHARE**.

### Attend the Celebrity Soup Kitchen

Each year the Celebrity Soup Kitchen raises about \$10,000 to provide utility assistance to low-income seniors. You can support this event by:

- **Attending the Soup Kitchen**
- **Buying raffle tickets**
- **Donating a basket for the raffle**
- **Donating soup, desserts, or other items**
- **Donating money**
- **Volunteering to help**

### Donate!

Write a check in any amount made out to Golden Umbrella with a note in the memo line indicating **POWER TO SENIORS**.

Send to:

Golden Umbrella  
200 Mercy Oaks Dr.  
Redding, CA 96003

*“Providing utility assistance for low-income seniors since 2001”*