

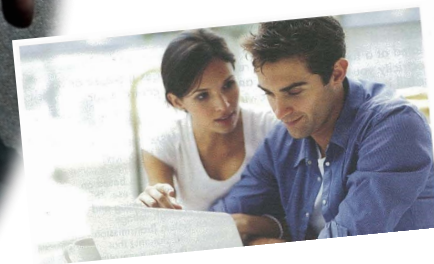


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# 2014-15 Utility Assistance Report



**Delivery  
Rates are  
Increasing**

the electricity sing+	Number of days	Average Daily Electricity Use (kWh)			Average electricity you used per day (kWh)
		On-Peak	Mid-Peak	Off-Peak	
15 - Mar 10, 2015	32	35	31	155	220
15 - Feb 06, 2015	29	24	21	83	128
14 - Jan 08, 2015	33	10	9	49	68
14 - Dec 06, 2014	29	14	13	52	79
14 - Nov 07, 2014	31	13	15	64	92
14 - Oct 07, 2014	28	11	11	43	64

**2013-14 Granted: \$201 183.59**

**2014-15 Granted: \$260 579.9**

**30% increase**

*Data represents a 12 month period from July 1st through to June 30th to better represent the issue as it relates to winter heating costs.*

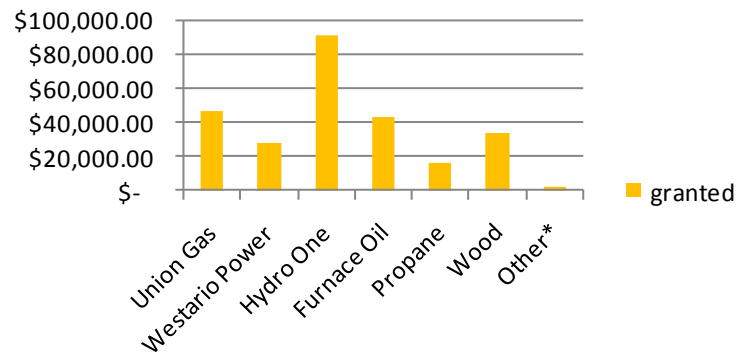
*Previously the United Way was reporting on a standard calendar year.*

**Need can quickly exhaust the funding available.**

There are no funds for Union Gas until September 2015, and no funds for Westario Power until January 2016.

A grant from the *Homeless Partnering Strategy* has enabled the United Way to assist Union Gas and Westario clients beyond the funding provided by the utility.

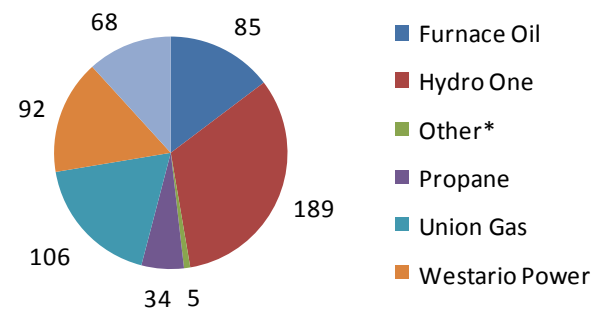
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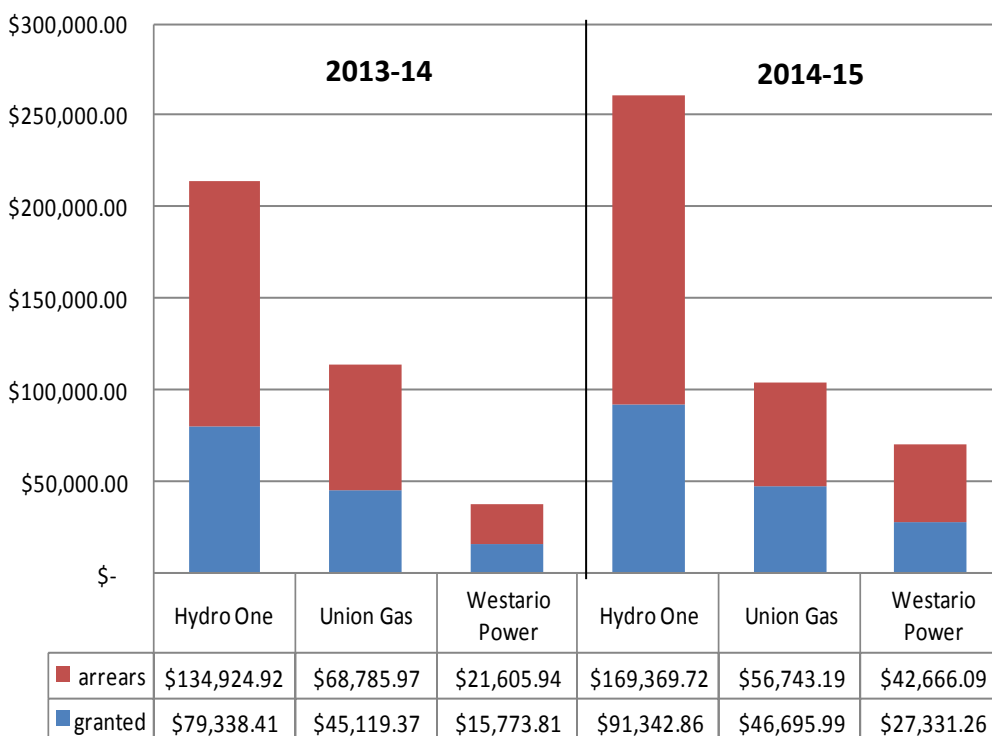
**Total grants issued in 2014-2015: 579**

**Total grants issued in 2013-2014: 449**

## Total grants issued per utility = 579

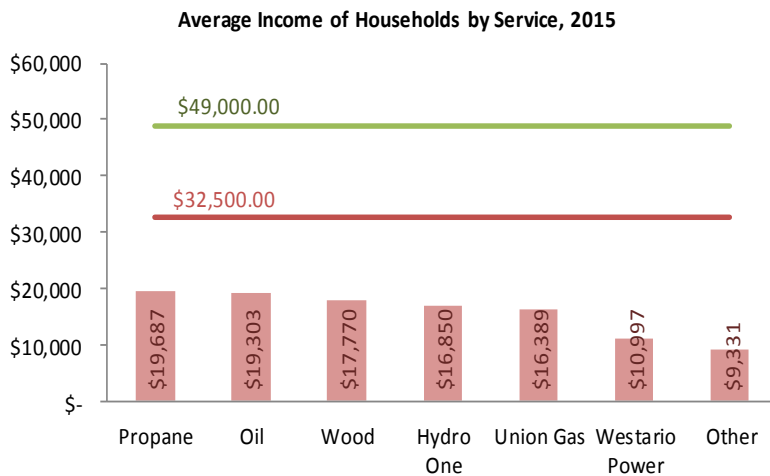


## Grants vs actual arrears



For most of the oil, propane and wood clients, there are no arrears due to the COD (cash on delivery) of the billing practices of the involved companies.

For electricity and natural gas getting behind can lead to disconnection and loss of service. Other than a wood stove, all sources of heat require electricity to operate.

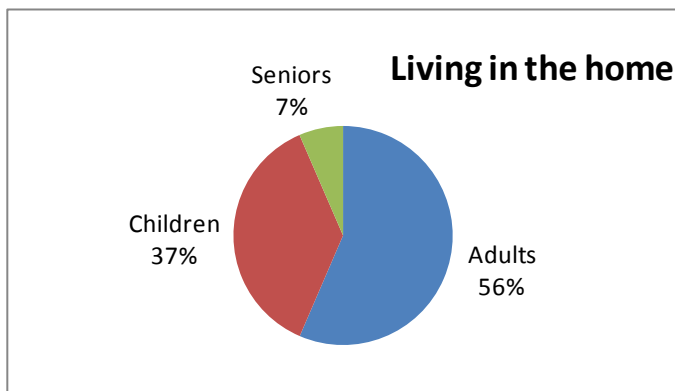


*The average income of the households is well below the provincial average (green line) and well below even the LICO range (red line) that stipulates eligibility for the program.*

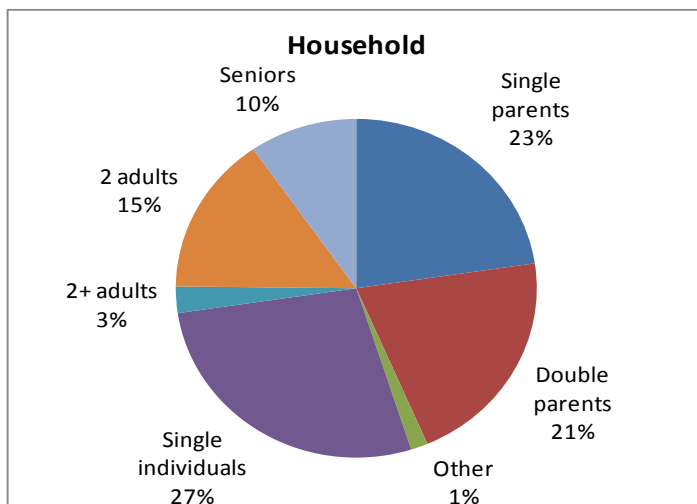
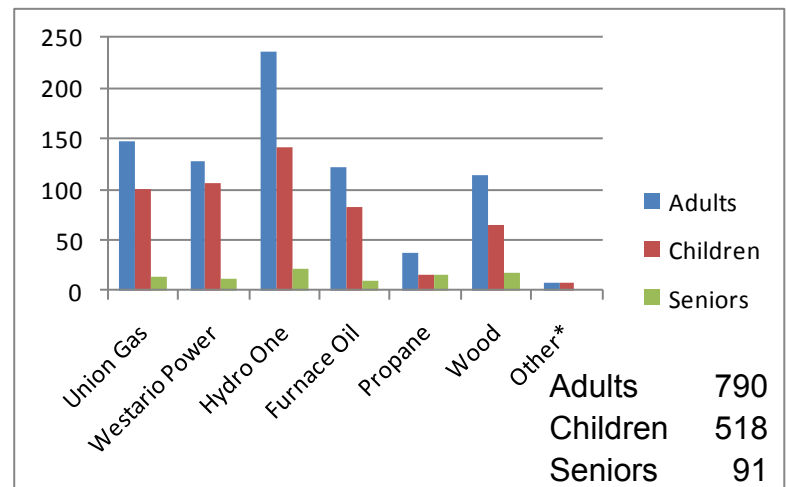
***The over all average income is just over \$16 000 per year***

*Since establishing in 1998, the United Way of Bruce Grey has*

*processed \$1.3 million in utility support for the community*



***37% of those benefiting from this program are children***



*Of the applicants to the program:*

- ♥ 44% are parents, 23% being single parents.
- ♥ 10% are seniors, some of whom are raising grandchildren
- ♥ 45% are adults either living on their own or with others
- ♥ 1% are a combination: a mix of adults and seniors or multigenerational households

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Sun Mar 01 2015 Posted by Sam Colbert at 01:51 PM

## It's official: February was Toronto's coldest month ever

Brag to your family: You just survived Toronto's coldest month in recorded history.



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Despite the ridiculous cold, people still flocked to the Beach to do selfies with nature's ice sculptures last month.

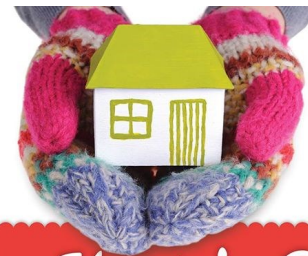
Brag to your family. Print it on t-shirts. Whine to your heart's content.

The numbers are in: February was Toronto's coldest month in recorded history. And spring is just a few weeks away.

"Canadians laugh at us," said Environment Canada's senior climatologist David Phillips. "We're often the brunt of all kinds of jokes here in the city because of our weather."

"Well hey, Canada, we just earned our badge of courage. Nobody alive today has ever experienced a colder month in Toronto than we did this month."

Technically, it was a tie. February 1875 was exactly as cold at an overall average temperature of -12.6 C. But not even your grandparents can claim to recall that 140-year-old record.



## The Heat is On

A Fundraiser in Support of United Way

Come out and see what your local businesses have to offer while helping to spread the warmth!

**Saturday, February 21**

Elmwood Community Centre

10 am - 4 pm

Admission by Donation

Music by Hurricane DJ

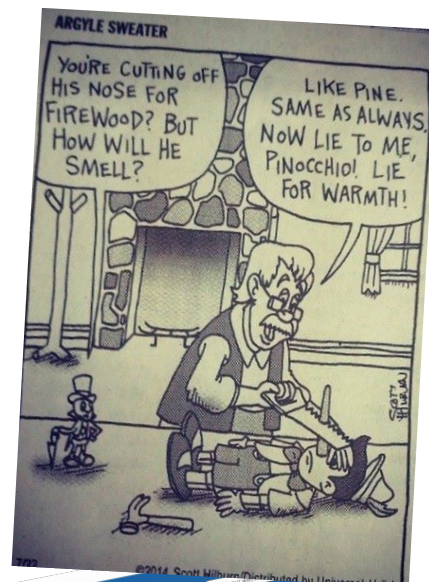


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