



SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION

APPLICATION FOR QUALIFIED NONPROFIT GROUP LIVING FACILITIES FOR CALIFORNIA ALTERNATE RATES FOR ENERGY (CARE) PROGRAM

If qualified, homeless shelters, group homes for the disabled and/or disadvantaged, nursing and long-term care facilities, senior board and care facilities, and transitional housing that are not-for-profit nonprofit may receive a discount on their utility bills. This discount is required by state law and is under the direction of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

WHO MAY QUALIFY?

A licensed or appropriately permitted nonprofit establishment providing a service, such as meals or rehabilitation, in addition to lodging and where 100% of the residents meet the Commission's CPUC eligibility requirements. Homeless shelters, women's shelters, or hospices that would otherwise qualify but are not licensed or do not possess a Conditional Use Permit may qualify. Such facilities may qualify provided adequate proof satisfactory to the Utility is submitted and approved showing that its residents meet the income eligibility requirements and that its services are being provided to benefit eligible residents. Facilities such as student housing and/or dorms, military barracks, fraternities and/or sororities, and publicly-owned and government-subsidized housing facilities are excluded. The discount cannot be used to offset any direct governmental subsidies and shall be used for the direct benefit of the eligible residents in the facility (e.g., improved quality of care or improved food service). **Any for-profit entity is ineligible.**

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

A resident whose total annual income (taxable and non-taxable) from all sources is no more than 200% of the federal poverty level income guidelines and is not claimed as a dependent on another person's income tax return.

Name on Utility Bill		Account Number																																	
Service Address		City			State			ZIP Code																											
Mailing Address		City			State			ZIP Code																											
Name of Corporation/Facility		IRS Nonprofit Tax ID #			(Attach Copy of IRS Code Section 501(c)(3) Letter of Tax-Exempt Nonprofit Status)																														
Name on State Business License (Attach Copy of License) or Conditional Use Permit				Type of License						Expiration Date																									
Name on Any Other Current License or Conditional Use Permit for the Corporation/Facility (Attach Copy of Any License or Permit or Other Proof as Requested by the Utility)		1) Is the facility operating as a satellite of a licensed, "mothership" facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No																																	
Total Number of Residents of Facility	Total Number of Residents Who Meet Eligibility Guidelines as Stated Above																2) If Yes, provide name of "mothership" facility and attach a copy of current "mothership" license.																		
State the primary purpose of the facility and the services offered: _____																			3) Name on Utility Bill																
																			4) Address of satellite facility(ies):																

Is at least 70% of the facility's energy used for residential purposes? Yes No

Does the facility receive any funding from a governmental agency? Yes No If yes, please explain type of funding and which governmental agency provides the funding. _____

As an authorized representative of the facility, I certify that the above information is true and accurate, and that I have verified the eligibility of the residents. I further certify that the discount shall be used for the direct benefit, such as improved quality of care or improved food service, of the residents in the facility. I also understand that the Utility may request additional proof of eligibility and verification.

_____ Authorized Representative Name (please print)	_____ Authorized Representative Signature	_____ Date Signed	() Telephone Number
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Note: Facilities receiving the discount are subject to verification by the Utility. Facilities receiving the discount inappropriately will be rebilled at the correct rate.

PU Code Section 739 extends CARE program benefits to nonprofit group living facilities that provide a service, such as meals or rehabilitation, in addition to lodging, for the direct benefit of eligible residents.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Examples of potentially eligible nonprofit group living facilities consist of licensed or permitted homeless shelters, transitional housing, short-or long-term care facilities (hospices, nursing homes, seniors' or children's homes), group homes for mentally or physically disabled and/or disadvantaged persons or satellite facilities of a properly licensed "mothership" facility; and other nonprofit group living facilities that may not have a license or permit (homeless shelters, women's shelters or hospices) in which 100% of the residents would meet the most current residential CARE income eligibility requirements and where services are being provided for the direct benefit of eligible residents.
2. Each of the residents (100% of all residents) must meet the Commission's existing CARE eligibility standard for a single-person household.
3. A minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site must be used for residential purposes.
4. Publicly-owned and government-subsidized housing facilities are not qualifying group living facilities. A group living facility that would otherwise qualify for CARE would not be ineligible because compensation for room, board, or services is provided by a governmental agency on behalf of the resident under a disability, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Administration (SSA) or other governmental assistance program.

A nonprofit owner and/or operator of a government-subsidized residential facility may be eligible if services besides lodging are provided to residents and all other eligibility criteria are met.

5. Homeless shelters must provide verification to the Utility that they provide at least 6 beds for a minimum of 180 days out of the year for persons who have no alternative residence. Homeless shelters operated in a government-owned or subsidized building by a nonprofit organization may qualify for CARE so long as the nonprofit entity is the Utility customer of record for the site and a minimum of 70% of the energy consumed on site is used for residential purposes (eating or sleeping).

CERTIFICATION

1. Facilities must recertify annually to receive CARE benefits.
2. Nonprofit status of the corporation and/or facility, including homeless shelters, must be evidenced by including a letter of tax-exempt nonprofit status under Internal Revenue Service Code Section 501 (c) (3).
3. Services provided to residents of licensed or permitted group living facilities must be evidenced by including a current certification from the appropriate state licensing agency or copy of Conditional Use Permit along with the application. Homeless shelters are not required to certify provision of services, but must meet the minimum operational requirements and provide, if permitted, a copy of a current Conditional Use Permit.
4. Other non-licensed or non-permitted facilities must provide adequate proof satisfactory to the Utility that its residents meet the income eligibility requirements and that its services are being provided to benefit eligible residents.
5. Except for homeless shelters, the facility must provide proof of every resident's eligibility by completing a CARE verification form (properly authorized by the resident), or, in the alternative, providing proof of every resident's categorical eligibility by receipt of benefits from certain public assistance programs (e.g., a copy of Medi-Cal card). Individual documentation of income may be waived for those seeking lodging at homeless shelters.
6. At the time of each annual certification, all participating facilities, including homeless shelters, are required to demonstrate to the Utility that they have passed on the discount for the benefit of the eligible residents. Reasonable certification shall include a statement of the dollar amount of the annual discount and an explanation of how those funds were spent for the benefit of the eligible residents.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Once qualified, a group living facility will be eligible for a 20% discount on all rate elements of that portion of its bill for energy serving the residential end-users.