

SPU Donation Fund to Assist Low-Income Customers

Seattle City Council Transportation &
Utilities Committee

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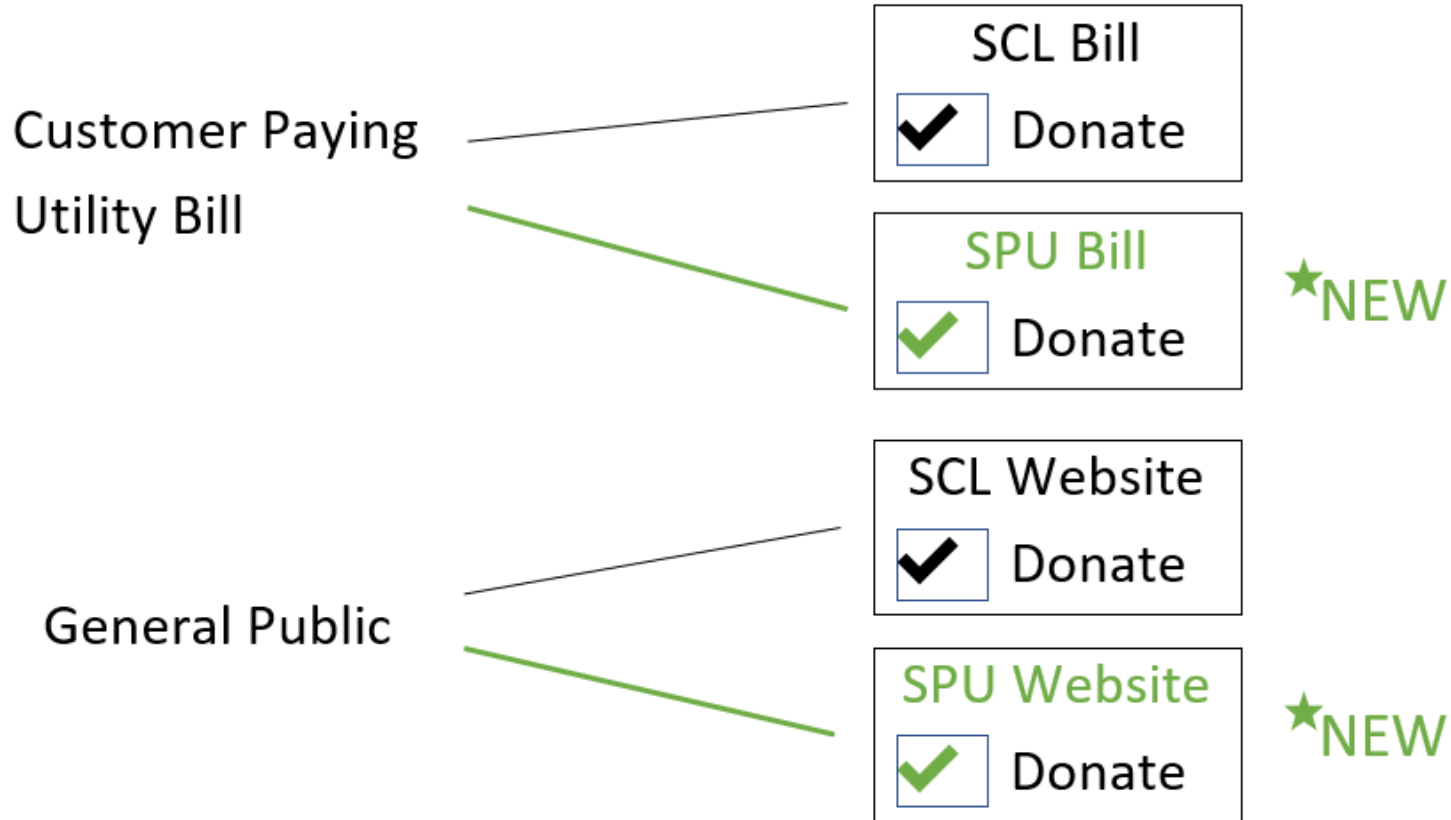


Purpose of the Legislation:

- To allow SPU to receive donations from the public and distribute them to low-income customers to help them pay their SPU bills.
- The City Attorney's Office advised that under the City Charter, only City Council has the authority to receive donations on behalf of the City.
- To operate this donation fund, Council must delegate that authority so SPU can accept donations for the limited purpose of helping low-income customers pay their bills.



Receiving the Donations



Distributing the Donations

**Customer Seeking Assistance**

Will not see/feel any change except MORE \$\$ through SPU's EAP Program. No additional programs, applications, or process for the customer.



Utility Discount Program

- 70% of State Median Income (SMI)
- NO CHANGES



SPU Emergency Assistance Program

- 80% of SMI – Aligned with SCL ELIA
- Today: \$448 per household
- + NEW: \$200 Donation Fund Credit**



SCL Programs

- NO CHANGES



Questions?

