## What is HELP Plus?

**HELP Plus** is a community program that can save Fort Bragg **households** money each month by reducing the amount of energy and water that they use.

**HELP Plus** assists **all income levels** with education as well as money-saving programs matched to household income.

**HELP Plus** grew out of concern over **rising utility costs** that affect each of us. It provides free utility payment assistance and weatherization to income eligible households, **Plus** both energy and water conservation assistance to anyone, including:

Accessing Rebates and Cash Incentives, Energy and Water Financing, and Assistance with Application Completion

**HELP Plus** is funded by a CA Community Development Block Grant awarded to the **City of Fort Bragg** through REDI (Renewable Energy Development Institute), a non-profit engaged in energy education & demonstration.

HELP Plus efficient energy use plus water conservation saves money and makes your home more comfortable. 7/15



# Some common questions about HELP Plus

### Is HELP Plus assistance FREE?

**YES**. HELP Plus assistance is **FREE** for all Fort Bragg residents.

# Can all income levels qualify for assistance?

**YES**. Eligibility for FREE improvements is determined by your monthly gross income (before taxes). Higher income households are eligible for various cash incentives.

### Can renters get HELP Plus too?

YES, with agreement of the property owner.

# Does HELP Plus offer assistance for apartments and mobile homes?

**YES**! Tenants must obtain a written consent from the owner or manager. A mobile home must measure a minimum of 8 feet wide by 40 feet long to qualify for any weatherization services.



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## What does HELP Plus cost?

HELP Plus assistance is free to all. Income eligible households can qualify for completely FREE improvements like Weatherization and old appliance replacement. Income eligibility levels for certain programs are more than you might think—see the table below. Other programs are not income based and are available for all Fort Bragg residents.

Monthly income levels must be at or below the amounts below for income-based programs. (Non-CDBG Income Guidelines) Household size, including children 2 3 4 5 6

\$1997 \$2611 \$3226 \$3840 \$4455 \$5069 Household total monthly GROSS income (before taxes)

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If you have questions about the program or need HELP Plus assistance to complete an application package, contact our office. REDI's staff is here to HELP make the process as easy as possible. CALL or EMAIL today to learn how to qualify!



# How does HELP Plus

There are 3 steps to HELP Plus.

Step 1. Call or email for HELP Plus

# 962-3070 HELP@redinet.org

Our friendly staff will assist you in completing a simple eligibility survey. It only takes a few minutes to determine which program information and applications are right for you.

### Step 2. Apply for HELP Plus

You will receive program materials with instructions and assistance to complete and send your application directly to each program suggested. For incomeeligible residents, HELP Plus includes assistance with Energy plus Water-use options to recommend money-saving improvements for your home. You decide which ones you want to have done.

### Step 3. HELP Plus arrives!

Most of the programs will contact you in a few weeks with a status update.

# **Energy Plus Water Use** Improvements

# Weatherization

Caulking/Weather-stripping Insulation for home, ducts,

## Water Conservation

**Rainwater Harvesting Graywater Systems Irrigation Timers** Water Conservation Kits including Toilet flappers Aerators And more

# Appliance Upgrades \*

Water Heater
Shower Head
Faucet Aerators
Timers
CFL/LED bulbs

## Windows & Doors

Shade & Insulating Screens Storm Windows **Replacement Windows & Doors** 

## Renewable Energy

Solar Hot Water Solar Electric Passive Solar Retrofits

Subject to Availability