

Our county director said it can't be broken down by ZIP code. I'm checking with someone in our Central Office to see if she knows a way to do that. I will let you know.

Thanks,

Bob

From: Hendershot, Angie [<mailto:angie.hendershot@abc12.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, February 17, 2015 9:53 PM
To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Water

Hi Bob -- just checking in to see if you were able to split this by zip codes. Thanks for your help - Angie

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS) [<mailto:WheatonB@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Friday, February 13, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Hendershot, Angie
Subject: RE: Water

Hi Angie,

Here is data for Genesee County on DHS assistance for water/sewer and for reconnect/disconnect fees. I've been told that we don't track by city, but I'm double-checking. What do you mean when you say that "DHS was able to get Flint to a different rate ..."? Are you saying that DHS was increasing the maximum dollar amount of State Emergency Relief assistance for water customers in Flint?

For the period of October – December 2014 the following payments were made in Genesee County for water/sewer:

Unduplicated Recipients	Total expenditures
1,110	\$56,035.26

In addition, the following reconnect/disconnect fees were paid:

Unduplicated Recipients	Total expenditures
512	\$26,253.68

Thanks,

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From: Hendershot, Angie [<mailto:angie.hendershot@abc12.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 6:02 PM

To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Water

Loi – thanks!

If you can break it down for Flint and Genesee County that is my first choice – the story is about Flint. Or if you can show me how to break it down or point me in the direction of someone who can help with that (even off camera) I'd really appreciate it. I do know Flint was so much higher that DHS was able to get Flint to give them a different rate – so it must have been broken down at one point? I could really use your help with this.

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS) [<mailto:WheatonB@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:56 PM
To: Hendershot, Angie
Subject: RE: Water

I've noticed you're very good at multi-tasking during breaks!

From: Hendershot, Angie [<mailto:angie.hendershot@abc12.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:54 PM
To: Wheaton, Bob (DHS)
Subject: RE: Water

Sorry for sporadic sentences – still anchoring the news but wanted to catch you while you are at your desk!

From: Wheaton, Bob (DHS) [<mailto:WheatonB@michigan.gov>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 11, 2015 5:49 PM
To: Hendershot, Angie
Subject: RE: Water

Hi Angie,

This issue is not something we're going to want our Genesee County DHS officials to comment on. Communication with media about the Flint water situation has been handled by the communications staff/leadership at the relevant state agencies. And it wouldn't be appropriate for DHS to get involved in any discussion regarding any water rates in Flint or in any other community.

I can tell you that DHS Children's Protective Services will not remove a child from a home solely because of the lack of water in that home. We will work with families to address the issue – by providing State Emergency Relief funding from DHS, by suggesting that children use water at relatives' homes, by referring families to call 211 or turn to local nonprofits for assistance. DHS also has provided hygiene kits to children in schools and has caseworkers in schools in Flint and around Michigan to assist children and families with these types of issues.

Unfortunately, there are low-income families in communities around the state who at times struggle to pay their water bills. Families that meet income eligibility requirements can receive State Emergency Relief if they have had their water shut off or have received shut-off notices. State Emergency Relief of up to \$200 is available for reconnecting to water services and up to \$175 to pay past due bills needed to reconnect.

Thanks,

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